

KNTV/NBC Bay Area

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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/11 REPORTED... THIS HOT WEATHER LEADS TO FIRE DANGER...AND THAT LEADS TO CONTROVERSY IN SAN JOSE. CUTS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE RESIDENTS ANXIOUS. BEGINNING TODAY, THE DEPARTMENT IS IMPLEMENTING SO-CALLED "ROLLING BROWN OUTS." AT LEAST ONE FIRE STATION WILL OPERATE WITH ONE LESS FIRE ENGINE WHILE THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS ON ALL TRUCKS IS BEING CUT FROM FIVE TO FOUR. A SPOKESPERSON WITH THE SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTERS' UNION SAYS THOSE REDUCTIONS WILL LEAD TO A GREATER WORKLOAD, LONGER RESPONSE TIMES AND HIGHER RISKS ON THE JOB. DESPITE THESE CUTS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE AT FULL STAFF ON SUNDAY AND ON THE FOURTH OF JULY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/11 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA'S HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT IS SEARCHING FOR A NEW P-R FIRM...AFTER THE FIRM IT HIRED...QUIT. OGILVY PUBLIC RELATIONS BACKED OUT OF ITS CONTRACT... WHY DID THEY BACK OUT OF A 7-FIGURE ACCOUNT? THEY WERE ABOUT TO BE FIRED. THE RAIL AUTHORITY CLAIMED OGILVY WAS OVER-BILLING. IF OFFICIALS CAN GET THE 43-BILLION DOLLARS NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT... HIGH-SPEED TRAINS WILL RUN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO ANAHEIM STARTING IN 2020.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/11/11 REPORTED... PARKING IN SAN FRANCISCO MAY SOON COST YOU A LITTLE LESS COIN. SEVEN THOUSAND OF THE CITY'S METERS WILL BE PART OF THE "S-F PARK" PILOT PROGRAM SLATED TO BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH. TWO-THIRDS OF THE METERS WILL BE ADJUSTED DOWN TO AS LOW AS 1-75 AN HOUR IN SOME PLACES. THE REMAINING ONE-THIRD OF THE RATES WILL RISE BY 25 CENTS -- AND COULD PUSH RATES AS HIGH AS 3-75 AN HOUR. OFFICIALS WITH THE CITY'S "MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY" SAY THE PROGRAM'S GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE THE RIGHT LEVEL OF PARKING AVAILABILITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... FIRST LAYOFFS.. AND NOW A LAWSUIT. FORMER EMPLOYEES OF MI PUEBLO SUPERMARKET SAY THEY ARE READY TO SUE AFTER THEY WERE LET GO IN JANUARY. ABOUT 20 OF THEM HELD A RALLY THIS AFTERNOON IN SAN JOSE TO ANNOUNCE THEIR INTENTION TO FILE A LAWSUIT. THEY WANT OVERTIME PAY.. AND PAY FOR MISSED MEAL BREAKS. MI PUEBLO SAYS IT LAID OFF 150 PEOPLE IN JANUARY BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. THE FAMILY-OWNED GROCERY CHAIN SAYS ITS EMPLOYEES ARE TREATED FAIRLY AND SAYS THE THREAT OF A LAWSUIT STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT THE STORES ARE NOT UNION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... ANCHOR, THE NUMBERS JUST KEEP GROWING FROM APPLE. THE COMPANY'S EARNINGS SETTING

THE PACE FOR SILICON VALLEY .. WHICH IS SETTING THE PACE FOR OUR NATION'S ECONOMY .. OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS .. APPLE SOLD TWENTY MILLION IPHONES .. MORE THAN 9 MILLION IPADS .. APPLE IS CALLING IT A RECORD QUARTER .. INVESTORS ARE CALLING IT CATNIP FOR THEIR MONEY. SHARES OF THE COMPANY'S STOCK HIT 400 DOLLARS EACH IN AFTER HOURS TRADING .. FOR THOSE OF YOU KEEPING TRACK ..CEO STEVE JOBS IS STILL ON MEDICAL LEAVE .. AND, APPLE STILL DOES NOT PAY A DIVIDEND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/20/11 REPORTED... NOT UNDERPAID -- BUT WERE SOME STATE WORKERS 'OVERPAID'? CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IS DEFENDING ALLEGATIONS OF *SLOPPY BOOKKEEPING* TONIGHT. AN AUDIT BY THE STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE FOUND THAT SOME EMPLOYEES WERE OVERPAID -- BOTH IN THEIR SALARIES AND IN TRAVEL ADVANCES. ONE FORMER WORKER RECEIVED A CHECK FOR NEARLY 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS -- EVEN THOUGH HE'D QUIT THE DEPARTMENT. ANOTHER EMPLOYEE WAS OVERPAID BY MORE THAN EIGHT-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE AUDIT FOUND WHEN THE MISTAKES WERE DISCOVERED -- ADMINISTRATORS WERE SLOW TO RECOVER MIS-SPENT CASH. CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE IMPLEMENTING BETTER CONTROLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/22/11 REPORTED... IT'S A CASE OF GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS AS FAR AS THE UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT NEARLY 29-THOUSAND JOBS WERE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE BAD NEWS IS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WENT UP SLIGHTLY TO 11.8 PERCENT. CALIFORNIA WAS ONE OF THE FEW BRIGHT SPOTS WHEN LOOKING ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WHILE THE JOB GROWTH IN CALIFORNIA IS POSITIVE IT MAY NOT LAST. THREE MAJOR COMPANIES WITH BUSINESSES HERE, CISCO, LOCKHEED AND BORDERS, ANNOUNCED LAYOFFS THIS WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/22/11 REPORTED... YOU HAVE HEARD OF SPREADING THE WEALTH ... WELL, TODAY THE CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL COUNCIL SET TO WORK DOING THE OPPOSITE. THE GROUP, WHICH HANDLES BUDGETS AND POLICY FOR CALIFORNIA COURTS, APPROVED A PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE \$350 MILLION CUT OUT OF ITS BUDGET BY THE STATE THIS YEAR. AS A RESULT, ALL THE TRIAL COURTS IN THE STATE WILL HAVE TO DO WITH SIX PERCENT LESS IN THEIR BUDGETS. SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT PRESIDING JUDGE KATHERINE FEINSTEIN SAYS THAT'LL MEAN 200 LAYOFFS AND TWENTY-FIVE COURTROOMS CLOSED IN HER CITY. THE COUNCIL ALSO VOTED TO DIVERT MORE THAN FIFTY MILLION IN FUNDING FOR A STATEWIDE COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. THAT PROJECT HAS CONSUMED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER THE PAST DECADE, BUT IS STILL YEARS FROM FULL IMPLEMENTATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/22/11 REPORTED... PLANS TO EXPAND THE OAKLAND ZOO COULD BE HITTING A LEGAL ROADBLOCK. TWO CONSERVATION GROUPS ARE SUING TO HALT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW VETERINARY HOSPITAL, ANIMAL EXHIBIT AND EDUCATION CENTER ON 54 ACRES IN KNOWLAND PARK. THEY SAY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE ZOO NEED TO DO A MORE THOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW. THE ZOO SAYS THE CONSTRUCTION PLAN INCLUDES PROTECTION FOR NATIVE PLANT AND ANIMAL HABITATS. THE EXPANSION IS EXPECTED TO CREATE DOZENS OF JOBS AND BRING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/25/11 REPORTED... POLITICAL TURBULENCE IN WASHINGTON IS GROUNDING SOME OPERATIONS AT AIRPORTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY -- AND RIGHT HERE AT S-F-O AND OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL. THE

PROBLEM STEMS FROM THE FAILURE TO EXTEND THE F-A-A'S OPERATING AUTHORITY. IT EXPIRED MIDNIGHT SATURDAY. AT S-F-O, A PLAN TO ALLOW SO-CALLED "SUPER LARGE" AIRLINERS -- MAINLY BOEING 747S AND 800S -- IS ON HOLD. IN OAKLAND, WORK ON A NEW CONTROL TOWER IS ALSO IN A HOLDING PATTERN.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/11 REPORTED... THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND IS USUALLY THE ONE OF THE HEAVIEST TRAVEL PERIODS OF THE YEAR FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO DRIVE. BUT NOT THIS YEAR. HERE'S A LIVE LOOK AT INTERSTATE 880 IN OAKLAND. TRIPLE A IS REPORTING THAT...39 MILLION PEOPLE WILL TRAVEL 50 MILES OR MORE FROM HOME.

THAT IS A TWO-POINT-FIVE DECREASE FROM THE LAST YEAR. WHAT THE REASON? THE RISING COST OF GAS. LAST YEAR THE AVERAGE PRICE OF FOR A GALLON OF GAS NATIONWIDE WAS TWO DOLLARS AND 75 CENTS. TODAY...THE AVERAGE COST IS THREE DOLLARS AND-55 CENTS. HERE IN THE BAY AREA, SAN FRANCISCO HAS THE HIGHEST AVERAGE GAS PRICE. IT NOW SIT AT THREE DOLLARS AND 88 CENTS A GALLON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/11 REPORTED... SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL...50 BUCKS -- FOR AN ALL-YOU-CAN-WATCH MOVIE PASS. UNLIMITED. SLIGHT PROBLEM...THE THEATERS DON'T ACCEPT THESE PASSES. THREE MOVIE CHAINS HAVE REFUSED TO HONOR THE ALL-YOU-CAN-WATCH PASS, SAYING THEY WERE NOT INFORMED OF THE SERVICE. THE COMPANY IS CALLED -- MOVIEPASS -- BASED IN NEW YORK. THEY WERE ADVERTISING A 50-DOLLAR-A MONTH TRIAL , WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO START THIS WEEK. BUT A-M-C, THE SECOND LARGEST U-S THEATRE CHAIN SAID THEY WERE NOT CONSULTED ABOUT THE MOVIE PASS TEST AND THEY WON'T HONOR TICKETS. CAMERA CINEMAS AND LANDMARK THEATRE ALSO SAID THEY WILL NOT HONOR TICKETS EITHER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/4/11 REPORTED... GOOGLE REALTIME IS TEMPORARILY DOWN WHILE THE COMPANY TRIES TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MESH THE SOCIAL NETWORKING FEATURE WITH ITS RECENTLY LAUNCHED GOOGLE "PLUS" PROJECT. "REAL TIME" ALLOWS USERS TO FIND LIVE UPDATES FROM TWITTER, FACEBOOK, FRIENDFEED AND OTHER SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES. A MESSAGE POSTED EARLY TODAY ON TWITTER BY THE TEAM BEHIND GOOGLE REALTIME TELLS READERS TO STAY TUNED AS THEY FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE REAL TIME JIVE WITH GOOGLE PLUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/11/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIND A WOMAN SUSPECTED OF RUNNING AN APARTMENT SCAM. 30-YEAR-OLD RACHAEL SMITH WAS ARRESTED LAST JULY. INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE PUT ADS ON CRAIGSLIST, SAYING A RICHMOND DISTRICT APARTMENT WAS FOR RENT, SHOWED THE PLACE, ACCEPTED RENT DEPOSITS, AND THEN TOLD VICTIMS THE APARTMENT WASN'T AVAILABLE AFTER ALL. SHE ALLEGEDLY STOLE A COMBINED 110-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM 14 PEOPLE. SMITH WAS DUE IN COURT LAST MONTH, AND THEN AGAIN LAST WEEK, BUT FAILED TO SHOW UP. THERE IS NOW A 200-THOUSAND DOLLAR WARRANT OUT FOR HER ARREST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... DERAILED...FOR NOW. PLANS HAVE BEEN TEMORARILY "DERAILED" FOR THE PENINSULA PORTION OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT. THE 6.1 BILLION DOLLAR SECTION BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN JOSE IS NOW BEING RE-THOUGHT.

CALTRAIN IS CONDUCTING A STUDY TO DECIDE IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO USE TWO TRACKS INSTEAD OF FOUR, IN THAT STRETCH OF THE PROJECT. THE IDEA OF USING JUST TWO TRACKS COULD SAVE THE BULLET-TRAIN PROJECT MORE THAN 4-BILLION DOLLARS. THAT SAVINGS WOULD BE A WELCOME ONE, AT A TIME WHEN ONLY 30-PERCENT OF THE FUNDING NEEDED HAS BEEN GATHERED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... NEARLY A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SPENT IN THE LAST TEN YEARS ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND LOBBYING IN CALIFORNIA. THEY SPENT ALMOST TEN MILLION DOLLARS, JUST IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. A NEW REPORT OUT TODAY FROM "THE CENTER FOR TOBACCO POLICY AND ORGANIZING" SAYS TOBACCO COMPANIES SPENT THE MONEY FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPPOSE BILLS AND BALLOT MEASURES THAT WOULD REDUCE TOBACCO USE. TOBACCO-RELATED COMPANIES GAVE SIX AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO 59 DIFFERENT STATE LAWMAKERS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. "THAT'S" ABOUT 48 PERCENT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... NOBODY CAN SAY MICROSOFT FOUNDER BILL GATES EVER *FLUSHED AWAY* AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE WORLD... "THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION" IS LAUNCHING A PROGRAM TO RE-INVENT *THE TOILET*. 42-MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS WILL FUND PROJECTS AIMED AT DEVELOPING A MORE SANITARY SYSTEM OF DISPOSING HUMAN WASTE IN THE UNDER-DEVELOPED WORLD. TEAMS RECEIVING THE GRANT MONEY ARE ALSO LOOKING AT HOW HUMAN WASTE CAN BE TURNED INTO ENERGY. A TEAM AT STANFORD IS PROPOSING A SYSTEM IN NAIROBI, KENYA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/22/11 REPORTED... IT WON'T BE CARMAGGEDON , BUT IT WILL BE SLOW. PARTS OF 101 WILL BE CLOSED IN SAN JOSE THIS WEEKEND. DRIVERS ON 101 NEAR TULLY ROAD IN SAN JOSE WILL BE DIVERTED OFF THE FREEWAY TONIGHT. STARTING AT MIDNIGHT ,CALTRANS WILL SHUT DOWN THE FREEWAY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. THE FREEWAY WILL REOPEN AT 5:30. DRIVERS WILL BE DETOURED ONTO CITY STREETS AND THEN BACK ONTO 101 WITH OVERNIGHT CONSTRUCTION LASTING UNTIL MONDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/25/11 REPORTED... THAT DISCOUNT COUPON YOU PURCHASED ONLINE IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE.. AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO USE IT AFTER ALL. SO, WHAT DO YOU DO? IT'S OBVIOUSLY HAPPENING A LOT TO FREQUENT PURCHASERS OF EDEALS...THOSE DISCOUNT COUPONS.. FROM WEBSITES LIKE GROUPON...AND LIVINGSOCIAL... MORE THAN 20% OF PEOPLE WHO PURCHASE DAILY GROUPONS AREN'T ACTUALLY USING THEM. AND SOME CONSUMERS ACTUALLY LET THEIR GROUPONS EXPIRE FOR MORE "PRACTICAL REASONS..... NOW, THERE ARE WEBSITES TO RE-SELL COUPONS PURCHASED BUT CAN'T BE USED BEFORE EXPIRING. DEALSGOROUND.COM IS ONE SITE...COUPRECOUP.COM IS ANOTHER. THE WEBSITE MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR THE LISTING..BUT AT LEAST SOME COST IS RECOUPED.. AND THE COUPON IS USED AS INTENDED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/25/11 REPORTED... THE PRICES OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN THE WORLD --INCLUDING LIPITOR AND PLAVIX-- ARE ABOUT TO TAKE A NOSEDIVE. OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, THE PATENTS COVERING 7 OF THE TOP 20 SELLING DRUGS WILL EXPIRE--AND GENERIC MANUFACTURERS WILL JUMP IN. AVERAGE CO-PAYS FOR GENERICS ARE 75 PERCENT

LESS THAN NAME BRAND DRUGS -- AND GENERIC DRUGS ARE CHEMICALLY THE SAME AS THE NAME BRAND VERSION. YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE THE GENERIC LIST GROW. BIG-SELLING DRUGS FOR BLOOD PRESSURE, ASTHMA, DIABETES, DEPRESSION, HIV AND BIPOLAR DISORDER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/11 REPORTED... FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN MOST BAY AREA CITIES. AND THERE'S A STEEP PRICE TO PAY IF YOU GET CAUGHT -- BUYING OR SELLING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS. BUT THE CRACKDOWN ISN'T JUST LIMITED TO THE STREETS. CAL FIRE IS GOING "ONLINE" TO CRACKDOWN ON LEGAL AND ILLEGAL FIREWORKS SALES. AGENTS ARE CHECKING CRAIG'S LIST AND OTHER COMMUNITY WEBSITES TO FIND PEOPLE OFFERING M-80'S, BOTTLE ROCKETS AND FIRECRACKERS. CAL FIRE WILL ALSO LEVY FINES FOR ON-LINE SALES OF "SAFE AND SANE" FIREWORKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/4/11 REPORTED... WE ARE FOLLOWING DEVELOPING NEWS OUT OF THE NORTH BAY TONIGHT - WHERE A SWIMMER IS MISSING... THE SWIMMER WAS SWEEPED DOWN THE RUSSIAN RIVER - NEAR MONTE RIO...ANOTHER SWIMMER WAS BROUGHT OUT OF THE WATER - BUT WE DO NOT KNOW IF THAT PERSON SURVIVED...MEANWHILE - SEARCH AND RESCUE CREWS ARE USING DIVERS AND BOATS TO SEARCH FOR THE SWIMMER WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE 2:00 THIS AFTERNOON...RESCUERS THINK THE SWIMMER MAY HAVE DROWNED - BUT UNTIL A BODY IS FOUND, HE OR SHE IS CONSIDERED MISSING...WE WILL BRING YOU MORE INFORMATION AS WE GET IT...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/11/11 REPORTED... AS WE SPEAK, SAN JOSE DETECTIVES ARE ABOUT AN HOUR INTO THE DRIVE DOWN TO L.A. SURVEILLANCE VIDEO FROM THE GRAYHOUND STATION NEAR JESUS GARZA'S HOME SHOWED HIM AT THE STATION... ALONE, BUYING A TICKET AND BOARDING A BUS DOWN TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. L-A-P-D MET UP WITH THE BUS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY... AND THEY'RE HOLDING JESUS UNTIL SAN JOSE POLICE PICK HIM UP AND DRIVE HIM HOME. THOUGH POLICE DO NOT SUSPECT FOUL PLAY... BUT SAY THEY WILL QUESTION THE TEEN WHEN HE RETURNS JUST TO BE SURE. JESUS' DAD - GUILLERMO GARZA - TOLD ME THAT HE SAW JESUS ABOUT ABOUT MIDNIGHT... THEN AT SIX-THIRTY THIS MORNING, HE AND HIS WIFE REALIZED THAT JESUS WAS GONE AND THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED. THEY SAY HE'S NEVER RUN AWAY FROM HOME... AND HE DIDN'T HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE HE'D EVER GO FAR WITHOUT HIS MOM. POLICE SAY THEY HAD GOOD REASON TO FRET. THE BUS STATION WHERE POLICE BELIEVE THEY SAW JESUS ON SURVEILLANCE VIDEO IS JUST ABOUT A MILE FROM THE FAMILY'S HOME ON NORTH EIGHTH STREET IN SAN JOSE. BECAUSE OF JESUS' AGE... AND THE FACT HE SUFFERS FROM AUTISM... SAN JOSE POLICE HIT THE SEARCH AREA HARD... BRINGING IN TWO DOGS WITH THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM. THEY ALSO ACTIVATED THE REVERSE 911 SYSTEM TO SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM THE PEOPLE LIVING IN A THREE-MILE RADIUS. JESUS GARZA IS A SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENT AT HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY. DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR HE IS A STUDENT AT BURNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL. HE'S ALSO KNOWN TO VISIT THE PETSMART STORE ON COLEMAN AVENUE NEAR HIGHWAY 87.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... GIANTS FAN BRYAN STOW IS NOW LINKED TO THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS BANKRUPTCY CASE. THE TEAM DOES NOT OWE THE STOW FAMILY ANY MONEY RIGHT NOW.. BUT IT COULD. THE STOW FAMILY IS SUING THE DODGERS OVER THE STADIUM PARKING LOT BEATING IN ON MARCH 31ST -- IN WHICH THE SANTA CRUZ PARAMEDIC WAS CRITICALLY INJURED. HE REMAINS IN INTENSIVE CARE AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL. THE BANKRUPTCY PETITION

LISTED THE TEAM'S TOP 40 UNSECURED CREDITORS IN ACCORDANCE TO BANKRUPTCY LAW. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ON THE LIST ARE CURRENT AND FORMER BALLPLAYERS - TO WHOM THE TEAM OWES MONEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... MAIL DELIVERY HAS RESUMED IN A VALLEJO NEIGHBORHOOD AFTER IT WAS STOPPED FOR SEVERAL DAYS BECAUSE OF... A CHIHUAHUA. MAIL TO THE 500 BLOCK OF VERVAIS AVENUE WAS HALTED BECAUSE A POSTAL CARRIER WAS SCARED OF THE LITTLE DOG. THIS IS NEAR HTE SPRINGS ROAD EXIT OFF 80. THE DOG BELONGS TO A FEMALE RESIDENT WHO ALSO HAS A PIT BULL. THE CARRIER SAYS THE CHIHUAHUA WAS DELIBERATELY RELEASED WHEN HE WALKED UP TO THE HOUSE. THE MAILMAN BECAME UPSET AND SENT LETTERS TO THE NEIGHBORS SAYING THEY WOULDN'T DELIVER THEIR MAIL UNTIL THE DOG WAS SAFELY SECURED. THE DOG'S OWNER HAS PROMISED SHE'LL KEEP THE CHICHCUAUA AWAY FROM THE MAIL CARRIER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/14/11 REPORTED... A BUSY SAN FRANCISCO INTERSECTION -- TURNED DEADLY THIS MORNING. THE CRASH HAPPENED IN HAYES VALLEY...A BIG-RIG CAR CARRIER AND A UCSF SHUTTLE BUS COLLIDED AT THE INTERSECTION OF OCTAVIA AND OAK -- ABOUT SIX THIRTY THIS MORNING. KEVIN MACK, A 52-YEAR OLD DOCTOR -- WHO HAS AN OFFICE AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL -- WAS EJECTED FROM THE SHUTTLE BUS AND PINNED UNDERNEATH THE RIG WHERE HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD. PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA SAY ACCIDENTS HAPPEN IN THAT AREA OFTEN AND FEEL THE TIMED STOPLIGHTS ARE PARTLY TO BLAME. THREE OTHER SHUTTLE PASSENGERS WERE TAKEN TO NEARBY HOSPITALS WITH MINOR INJURIES. IT'S UNCLEAR IF ANYONE WAS WEARING A SEATBELT. THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... WE ARE GETTING NEW INFORMATION FROM OUR SISTER STATION ABOUT A SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORT THAT'S GOING ON AS WE SPEAK. HERE'S A LOOK AT THEM...WITNESSES SAY A MAN AND A WOMAN CLIMBED OVER THE SAFETY RAIL AT THE TOP OF THE VERNAL FALLS SO THAT THEY COULD PUT THEIR FEET IN THE WATER. THE COUPLE THEN REPORTEDLY TRIED TO GET THEIR CHILDREN TO JOIN THEM, BUT BEFORE THE KIDS GOT THERE THE COUPLE BEGAN TO SLIP. REPORTEDLY A THIRD FAMILY MEMBER JUMPED THE RAILING TO TRY AND HELP, BUT ALL THREE WENT OVER THE EDGE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS STORY AND BRING YOU THE VERY LATEST THROUGHOUT THE HOUR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... EMERYVILLE POLICE TRACKING A *SMASH AND GRAB* BURGLARY SPREE SAY THEY WERE STUNNED TO LEARN THE SUSPECTS HAD A FOUR-MONTH OLD BABY WITH THEM. INVESTIGATORS SAY 26-YEAR OLD RAVEN STEWART BROUGHT HER *4-MONTH OLD* WHILE SHE AND 24-YEAR OLD LACHE [[lah-SHAY]] RODRIGUEZ SMASHED WINDOWS AND TOOK ITEMS FROM AT LEAST FIVE CARS IN BERKELEY AND EMERYVILLE LAST FRIDAY. POLICE TODAY RELEASED THIS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO, SAYING IT SHOWS THE WOMEN ENTERING A STORE AND EXCHANGING STOLEN ITEMS FOR GIFT CARDS.

THE BABY WAS PULLED IN A SHOPPING CART. WHEN THE WOMEN WALKED-OUT TO THE PARKING LOT, POLICE CARS PULLED UP, BLOCKING THEIR ESCAPE. THEY WERE CHARGED WITH 11-FELONY COUNTS. THE BABY WAS FOUND TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, AND HAS BEEN PLACED WITH A RELATIVE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/25/11 REPORTED... IT COULD BE SEVERAL MORE WEEKS BEFORE WE FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED AMY WINEHOUSE'S DEATH OVER THE WEEKEND. AUTOPSY RESULTS ON THE 27- YEAR OLD BRITISH SINGER WERE INCONCLUSIVE. INITIAL REPORTS SAY THERE WAS NOTHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE SCENE OF HER DEATH, AND NO DRUGS WERE FOUND.

WINEHOUSE, WHO STRUGGLED WITH DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE, WAS FOUND DEAD AT HER HOME IN ENGLAND ON SATURDAY. TOXICOLOGY TEST RESULTS COULD TAKE TWO TO FOUR WEEKS TO COME BACK. A PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE SINGER IS SET FOR TOMORROW.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... THE 17-YEAR OLD EAST PALO ALTO TEEN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING A BABY ENTERED A NOT GUILTY PLEA TODAY. FABIAN ZARAGOZA IS BEING CHARGED AS AN ADULT IN THE CASE. POLICE SAY HE SHOT 15- ROUNDS INTO A CAR WITH A BABY INSIDE ON JUNE 5TH. ONE OF THE BULLETS STRUCK 3- MONTH OLD "IZACK JESUS JIMENEZ GARCIA" IN THE HEAD, KILLING HIM. PROSECUTORS SAY ZARAGOZA HAD BEEN BEATEN BY SURENO GANG MEMBERS A WEEK EARLIER AND THAT HE MISTOOK THE FAMILY'S CAR AS ONE BELONGING TO TEH RIVAL GANG. IF CONVICTED ZARAGOZA COULD FACE LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... LOOKS LIKE A BAD CASE OF STICKY FINGERS. THE MAN SUSPECTED OF STEALING A PICASSO DRAWING IN SAN FRANCISCO-- IS IN HOT WATER AGAIN.. POLICE HAVE FOUND *ANOTHER* STOLEN PICASSO AT HIS HOME. MARK LUGO IS SET TO ENTER A PLEA TOMORROW ON CHARGES HE WALKED INTO A UNION SQUARE ART GALLERY EARLIER THIS MONTH-- AND WALKED OUT WITH A PICASSO SKETCH. THIS IS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF THAT HEIST IN SAN FRANCISCO. NOW, A POLICE RAID AT LUGO'S NEW JERSEY APARTMENT HAS TURNED UP 500-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF STOLEN ARTWORK-- INCLUDING ANOTHER PICASSO SKETCH. IN LIGHT OF THESE REVELATIONS-- LUGO'S ATTORNEY SAYS HE'S LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS CLIENT MAY HAVE "PSYCHIATRIC ISSUES."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/14/11 REPORTED... IT LOOKS LIKE CALIFORNIA WILL JOIN OTHER STATES IN PURSUING "CAYLEE'S LAW," A MEASURE NAMED AFTER CAYLEE ANTHONY -- THE TWO-YEAR-OLD FLORIDA GIRL WHO'S MOTHER WAS RECENTLY ACQUITTED IN HER MURDER. THE LAW WOULD MAKE IT A FELONY FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, OR CAREGIVERS TO FAIL TO REPORT A MISSING CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 12 WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THAT CHILD DISAPPEARS. CASEY ANTHONY FAILED TO REPORT HER DAUGHTER MISSING. THE GRANDPARENTS FILED THE MISSING PERSONS REPORT 31 DAYS AFTER THE LITTLE GIRL WAS LAST SEEN BY ANYONE. THE AUTHOR OF THE PROPOSED "CAYLEE'S LAW" IN CALIFORNIA SAYS THERE'S OBVIOUSLY A GAP IN CURRENT LAWS AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE BILL WOULD ALSO MAKE IT A FELONY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A CHILD UNDER 18 WITHIN TWO HOURS OF DISCOVERING THE DEATH. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WOULD BE A CHILD WHO DIES WHILE UNDER MEDICAL CARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/15/11 REPORTED... SOCIAL NETWORKS HAVE GOTTEN A LOT OF BLAME RECENTLY FOR DAMAGING LIVES-- MOSTLY THROUGH CYBER-BULLYING. BUT TONIGHT THE MOTHER OF A FOUR-YEAR OLD BOY SAYS FACEBOOK MAY HAVE SAVED HER SON'S LIFE. ON MOTHER'S DAY, *DEBORAH KOGAN'S* SON, LEO, WAS DIAGNOSED AS SCARLET FEVER.

BUT AS HIS FACE SWELLED AND HIS TEMPERATURE ROSE, SHE GREW MORE ANXIOUS, AND POSTED PHOTOS OF LEO ON HER FACEBOOK PAGE. WITHIN MINUTES, A FRIEND CALLED, URGING HER TO RUSH TO THE HOSPITAL, SUSPECTING THE CHILD SUFFERED FROM *KAWASAKI DISEASE*.. A RARE AUTO-IMMUNE DISORDER WHICH ATTACKS THE ARTERIES SURROUNDING THE HEART. TWO OTHER FRIENDS, BOTH DOCTORS, ALSO CALLED, WITH THE SAME RECOMMENDATION. LEO IS NOW RECOVERING AND IS OUT OF DANGER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/15/11 REPORTED... WE NOW KNOW THE NAME OF THE WOMAN WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND BURNING IN THE MIDDLE OF A QUIET STREET--- IN OAKLAND'S EXCLUSIVE ROCKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD. ACCORDING TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE-- SHE IS 21-YEAR OLD MONICA RODAS-ALFARO OF UNION CITY. HER BODY WAS FOUND AROUND 4-30 YESTERDAY MORNING- - ON IVANHOE ROAD, NEAR CHABOT ROAD. POLICE SAY RODAS-ALFARO WAS 'MOST LIKELY' KILLED SOMEWHERE ELSE-- THEN TAKEN TO THE ROCKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD-- AND LIT ON FIRE. OFFICERS SAY THE SUSPECTS PROBABLY CHOSE THE NEIGHBORHOOD-- BECAUSE IT'S DARK-- AND SECLUDED, DURING THOSE HOURS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... WE HAVE AN UPDATE IN THE BRIAN STOW CASE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED TODAY TO INCREASE THE REWARD FOR ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO ARRESTS IN THE BEATING OF THE GIANTS FAN. AN ADDITIONAL 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE ADDED TO THE POT BRINGING THE TOTAL REWARD TO 225 THOUSAND DOLLARS. STOW WAS ATTACKED IN THE DODGER STADIUM PARKING LOT ON OPENING DAY. HE SUFFERED BRAIN DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE BEATING. POLICE ARRESTED GIOVANNI RAMIREZ AS THE PRIME SUSPECT...BUT HE STILL HASN'T BEEN CHARGED IN THE CASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... NOW TO A FOLLOW UP ON THAT CONTROVERSIAL SHOOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO'S BAYVIEW DISTRICT OVER THE WEEKEND. INVESTIGATORS NOW SAY THAT GUNSHOT RESIDUE WAS FOUND ON 19-YEAR-OLD KENNETH HARDING'S RIGHT HAND. HARDING RAN FROM TWO POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE DOING A MUNI FARE INSPECTION ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE OFFICERS SAY THEY OPENED FIRE ON HARDING "AFTER" HE SHOT AT THEM. BUT MUCH OF THE CONTROVERSY STEMS FROM WHETHER HE SHOT AT ALL. SOME WITNESSES SAY THEY NEVER SAW A GUN IN HIS HANDS. AND POLICE WERE NOT ABLE TO IMMEDIATELY RECOVER A GUN FROM THE SCENE. HARDING WAS A PAROLEE FROM WASHINGTON STATE. HE WAS ALSO A PERSON OF INTEREST IN A DEADLY SHOOTING IN SEATTLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... A BAY AREA ROLLER DERBY LEAGUE IS OUT OF CASH - AFTER TWO OF ITS MEMBERS GOT ROBBED AT GUNPOINT. IT HAPPENED JULY 9TH. THE MEN STOLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM THE TWO ROLLER DERBY GIRLS... AS THEY WERE RETURNING FROM A CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT IN RICHMOND. THE "VOLUNTEER- RUN" DERBY GIRLS PROGRAM IS WORKING WITH POLICE TO CATCH THE THIEVES. THEY'RE ASKING THE PUBLIC FOR DONATIONS TO HELP RECOVER THEIR LOSSES. THE LEAGUE MEMBERS WERE NOT HURT DURING THE ARMED ROBBERY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/27/11 REPORTED... THEY THINK THEY FOUND THEIR MAN. A PAROLEE -- WANTED IN CONNECTION TO THREE BAY AREA KILLINGS IN THE BAY AREA -- IS BEHIND BARS TONIGHT. POLICE AND U-S MARSHALS ARRESTED 21 YEAR OLD JOHNATHAN WALKER IN COOS BAY, OREGON YESTERDAY. THEY GOT A TIP THAT HE WAS HIDING OUT IN COOS BAY. VALLEJO POLICE SAY WALKER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS OF TWO MEN IN 2008 -- AND -- JUST

LAST MONTH. HE'S ALSO A SUSPECT IN THE KILLING OF A 19 YEAR OLD MAN IN SAN FRANCISCO IN JANUARY. WALKER IS AWAITING EXTRADITION TO CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/27/11 REPORTED... THE BROTHER OF A BAYVIEW MAN WHO DIED DURING A SHOOT-OUT WITH THE SF-P-D NEARLY TWO WEEKS ... HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGES IN SEATTLE. 21-YEAR OLD ONDRELL HARDING ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEATING DEATH OF A 51-YEAR OLD MAN IN SEATTLE ON SATURDAY. HARDING BROTHER , KENNETH, WAS KILLED JULY 16TH AFTER ALLEGEDLY RUNNING FROM OFFICERS WERE DOING A MUNI FARE INSPECTION. THE SFPD SAYS HARDING ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD-- WHILE TRYING TO FIRE AT OFFICERS. BUT, SOME WITNESSES CLAIM HARDING NEVER FIRED A SHOT.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/11/11 REPORTED... THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HERE... THERE WAS A BIG PARTY TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE BAY BRIDGE . MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND CHINESE WORKERS WERE HONORED AS THE FINAL FOUR SEGMENTS OF STEEL ROADWAY WERE LOADED ONTO A SHIP HEADED FOR OAKLAND. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN THE BAY AREA IN A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE WEEKS. THEY WILL BE PART OF THE WORLD'S LONGEST SINGLE-TOWER, SELF- ANCHORED SUSPENSION BRIDGE... SET TO OPEN IN 2013. AMERICAN BRIDGE CONTRACTED WITH CHINA TO MANUFACTURE THE SUSPENSION TOWER AND THE STEEL DECK SECTIONS. THE BRIDGE IS A \$6.4 BILLION PROJECT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/14/11 REPORTED... IT'S CONTROVERSIAL -- AND IT'S MOVING FORWARD. GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN IS UPDATING THE CURRICULAM: CALIFORNIA CLASSROOMS WILL NOW LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY -- OF THE GAY COMMUNITY. GAY, LESBIAN, BI-SEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER. GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNED A LANDMARK BILL TODAY-- MAKING CALIFORNIA THE FIRST STATE IN THE COUNTRY-- TO REQUIRE THAT GAY HISTORY BE INCLUDED IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM. THE BILL WAS APPROVED LAST WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE-- SPLIT NEARLY ALONG PARTY LINES. SUPPORTERS SAY THE BILL WILL TEACH STUDENTS TO BE MORE ACCEPTING OF GAYS AND LESBIANS. OPPONENTS SAY LAWMAKERS SHOULDN'T MICRO-MANAGE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/22/11 REPORTED... THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER FOR HUNDREDS OF SAME-SEX COUPLES, WHO HAVE SIGNED-UP TO BE MARRIED IN NEW YORK CITY THIS WEEKEND. THE STATE'S MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT OFFICIALLY GOES INTO EFFECT ON SUNDAY. AND EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS TODAY. NEW YORK CITY OFFICIALS SAY ALL 823 COUPLES, WHO ENTERED A LOTTERY FOR ONLY 764 SPOTS, WILL NOT BE TURNED AWAY. THE CITY WILL EXTEND HOURS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ALL MARRIED. EVEN THOUGH CALIFORNIA'S LAW ON GAY MARRIAGE HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD, LOCALS HERE ARE EXCITED FOR COUPLES IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK CITY'S MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG IS MARKING THE FIRST DAY WITH A SPECIAL EVENING CEREMONY AT GRACIE MANSION. HE WILL OFFICIATE THE MARRIAGE OF HIS CHIEF POLICY ADVISOR AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... FROM THE CAL CAMPUS -- TO THE STATE'S HIGH COURT. A LAW PROFESSOR AT U-C BERKELEY IS GOVERNOR BROWN'S TOP PICK. IF CONFIRMED, 40-YEAR-OLD GOODWIN LIU (lew) WOULD BE THE GOVERNOR'S FIRST APPOINTEE TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT DURING HIS CURRENT ADMINISTRATION. HE'S NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY...LIU'S SUPPORT OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IS WIDELY REGARDED AS THE CATALYST FOR A REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTER OF HIS NOMINATION TO A FEDERAL APPEALS

COURT LAST YEAR. BUT TODAY, GOVERNOR BROWN SAYS HE HAS THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THE JOB. LIU'S NOMINATION MUST STILL BE CONFIRMED BY THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/27/11 REPORTED... A LESBIAN COUPLE FILED A COMPLAINT WITH DOLLY PARTON'S "DOLLYWOOD" THEME PARK AFTER ONE OF THE WOMEN WAS ASKED BY AN EMPLOYEE TO TURN HER T-SHIRT INSIDE OUT. THE T-SHIRT READS "MARRIAGE IS SO GAY". THE WOMAN DID WHAT THEY SAID, IN ORDER TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION BUT SAYS SHE FELT OFFENDED. THE EMPLOYEE SAID IT IS A FAMILY PARK, AND THAT THE POLICY IS TO ASK PATRONS WITH CLOTHING OR TATTOOS THAT COULD BE OFFENSIVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES OR COVER UP. THERE'S NO WORD FROM DOLLY PARTON, WHO HAS PUBLICALLY SUPPORTED GAY MARRIAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/28/11 REPORTED... IN THE AFTERMATH OF JAPAN'S EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI, HER STORY OFFERED HOPE. A BAY AREA WOMAN WHO SURVIVED THE DISASTER IS GOING BACK TO JAPAN. SHE LEFT TODAY FROM SFO. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CANON PURDY. WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU HER STORY IN MARCH WHEN HER FAMILY IN SAN JOSE... REACHED OUT TO US -- AND THE TODAY SHOW'S ANN CURRY -- TO HELP FIND HER.. CANON HAD ARRIVED IN JAPAN JUST HOURS BEFORE THE MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE. EVENTUALLY - -SHE WAS FOUND. NEARLY FIVE MONTHS LATER SHE IS RETURNING TO HELP RECOVERY EFFORTS. PURDY WILL BE IN JAPAN FOR FIVE WEEKS. SHE WILL BE SENDING US BACK VIDEO UPDATES THAT YOU WILL ONLY SEE ON NBC BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/29/11 REPORTED... THE HUNT IS ON TO CAPTURE TWO YOUNG SEA LIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO'S PIER 39. NOT BECAUSE THEY POSE ANY KIND OF THREAT. BUT INSTEAD TO HELP THEM REMOVE SOME UNWANTED JEWELRY. WILDLIFE RESCUERS SAY THAT THE SEA LIONS SOMEHOW GOT TANGLED IN WIRES, THAT ARE NOW WRAPPED AROUND THEIR NECKS. IT COULD EVENTUALLY HARM THEM. RESCUERS HAVE MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO CATCH THE TWO MAMMELS, BUT HAVE YET BEEN ABLE TO SNARE THEM. THE PLAN IS TO NOW JUST MONITOR THEM, AND TO WAIT UNTIL THEY LAND ON A BEACH, WHERE AN ESCAPE IS LESS LIKELY.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/11/11 REPORTED... DALY CITY POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR AN ARSONIST WHO SET FIRE TO AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE ONE ALARM FIRE CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE TO A PORTABLE CLASSROOM BUILDING AT SKYLINE ELEMENTARY. SOMEONE LIT DRY WEEDS ON FIRE IN AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS...THE FLAMES THEN SPREAD TO THE BUILDING'S WALLS AND FLOOR. SMOKE AND HEAT DAMAGED COMPUTERS AND BOOKS INSIDE THE CLASSROOM. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... PARENTS NOW HAVE ANOTHER TOOL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR CHILDS' EDUCATION. TODAY.. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A SERIES OF REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE "PARENT TRIGGER" LAW. IT ALLOWS PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ATTEND A LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOL -- AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER AND DEMAND CERTAIN CHANGES AT THE SCHOOL. PARENTS CAN USE THE "TRIGGER LAW" TO CHANGE THINGS SUCH AS SCHOOL FACULTY, LUNCHES, AND CURRICULUM. TODAY'S ACTION ISN'T THE FINAL WORD.

THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WILL BE PUT OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR 15 DAYS AND COULD BE CHALLENGED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/18/11 REPORTED... NOT SO FAST: A STATE SENATOR FROM SAN FRANCISCO SAYS TOP U-C AND C-S-U ADMINISTRATORS SHOULDN'T BE GETTING PAY RAISES, WHILE THE REST OF THE STATE IS STRUGGLING. LAST WEEK THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE U-C AND C-S-U SYSTEM VOTED TO HIKE PAY FOR EXECUTIVES WHILE RAISING STUDENT FEES AT THE SAME TIME. THE C-S-U BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALSO AWARDED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF SAN DIEGO STATE A 400 THOUSAND DOLLAR SALARY, 100 THOUSAND MORE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR. STATE SENATOR LEELAND YEE SAYS THAT'S APPALLING. TODAY HE SAID HE WILL REINTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO BAN PAY RAISES FOR TOP COLLEGE AMINISTRATORS DURING BAD BUDGET YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... A DISTURBING STORY IN SACRAMENTO -- MAKING NATIONAL HEADLINES. A PRIVATE SCHOOL HAS BEEN FORCED SHUT DOWN. THE SCHOOL IS ACCUSED MULTIPLE CHARGES OF CHILD MOLESTATION. "CREATIVE FRONTIERS," IS LOCATED IN "CITRUS HEIGHTS," WHICH IS ABOUT 20 MILES NORTHEAST OF SACRAMENTO. IT SERVES ABOUT 180 CHILDREN FROM PRESCHOOL TO SIXTH GRADE. POLICE HAVE YET TO MAKE ANY ARRESTS, BUT SAY SOME OF THE CASES OF MOLESTATION THEY ARE INVESTIGATING DATE BACK 15 YEARS. AUTHORITIES SAY THE SCHOOL'S OWNER AND PRINCIPAL ARE THE FOCUS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... NOTHING IS SURPRISING WHEN IT COMES TO SAN FRANCISCO POLITICS. CITY OFFICIALS APPROVED A 1-POINT-5 MILLION DOLLAR TREASURE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SIX WEEKS AGO. BUT HOLD EVERYTHING -- *THAT* PROJECT IS BEING PUT ON PAUSE. THE PLAN: BUILD A FERRY DOCK AND ECO FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD ON TREASURE ISLAND. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "CITIZENS FOR A SUSTAINABLE TREASURE ISLAND" CLAIM THE CITY DID NOT ADEQUATELY ASSESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE PROJECT. it FILED A LAWSUIT WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT. it wants THE CITY TO SUBMIT A REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COULD PROVIDE HOUSING FOR MORE THAN 19-THOUSAND PEOPLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... CHARTING A NEW COURSE FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS ...STATE LAWMAKERS IN SACRAMENTO TRYING TO GET TOUGH WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS...PUSHING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND MEET DIVERSITY STANDARDS. NEW BILLS WORKING THRU TH CAPITOL ARE PUSHING FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY IN EXCHANGE FOR STATE FUNDING. LAWMAKERS WANT THE SCHOOLS TO SHOW THAT THEIR STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS MIRROR THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY SERVE. ANY SCHOOL THAT FAILS TO MEET THESE HIGHER ACADEMIC STANDARDS WITHIN SEVEN YEARS, MUST CLOSE. THE THREE BILLS STILL REQUIRE PASSAGE AND A SIGNATURE BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN. FORMER GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER VETOED SIMILAR LEGISLATION WHEN HE WAS IN OFFICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... A DUMB IDEA THAT CAUSED MORE THAN SIX MILLION IN DAMAGE TO A SOUTH BAY SCHOOL...TONIGHT, WE'RE LEARNING THE TEENAGERS CHARGED WITH BURNING DOWN TRACE ELEMENTARY DID IT JUST FOR THE HECK OF IT. IN COURT DOCUMENTS UNSEALED TODAY, BOTH KLIEFERT GUIANG (klee-fert gwang) AND LAZARUS REAVALLEZ (ray-vi-ez) CONFESSED TO STARTING THE JULY 5TH FIRE AT MERRITT TRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE. EACH 16-YEAR-OLD FACES A COUNT OF AGGRAVATED ARSON IN CONNECTION WITH THE BLAZE THAT CAUSED MORE THAN 6-POINT-5 MILLION DOLLARS

IN DAMAGES. GUIANG (GWANG) WILL UNDERGO HIS SECOND PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION BEFORE HE CAN STAND TRIAL.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/11/11 REPORTED... STARTING TODAY HUNDREDS OF BAY TREES ARE BEING CLEARED ON THE PENINSULA IN HOPES OF SAVING NEARBY HEALTHY OAKS FROM DISEASE. THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT SAYS BAY TREES CARRY THE BUG THAT CAUSES SUDDEN OAK DEATH. THE CREW WILL BEGIN WORK THIS WEEK AT MONTE BELLO AND LOS TRANCOS OPEN SPACE PRESERVES IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY AND LONG RIDGE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY. NEXT WEEK, THE CREW WILL WORK AT LONG RIDGE AND RUSSIAN RIDGE PRESERVES IN SAN MATEO COUNTY. THEY WILL WORK AT SARATOGA GAP IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY AND SKYLINE RIDGE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY THE WEEK OF JULY 25TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... IN ANOTHER TESTAMENT TO THE UNPREDICTABLE POWER OF THE OCEAN.. A BAY AREA MAN OUT FOR A DAY OF FUN WITH FRIENDS -DIED WHILE VACATIONING IN HAWAII. POLICE SAY 22 YEAR OLD PAUL TAM-MAI OF SUNNYVALE DIED MONDAY AFTER BEING SWEEPED INTO THE OCEAN IN THE PUNA AREA OF THE BIG ISLAND. HE WAS CLIMBING ON A ROCKY CLIFF WITH SOME FRIENDS IN THE HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK SUBDIVISION - WHEN A WAVE KNOCKED HIM INTO THE OCEAN AND CARRIED HIM ABOUT 100 YARDS OUT TO SEA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/18/11 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN NAMED THE NATION'S FASTEST GROWING AREA FOR GREEN JOBS. ELEVEN METRO AREAS MADE THE TOP 100 LIST OF THE "BROOKINGS INSTITUTION'S" STUDY OF CLEAN ENERGY JOBS. THE BAY AREA CITIES, MAKING THE LIST, ARE SAN FRANCISCO AT NUMBER 6 AND SAN JOSE AT NUMBER 26. OTHER CITIES ARE SACRAMENTO AT NUMBER 12, LOS ANGELES AT NUMBER 2 AND SAN DIEGO AT NUMBER 21. CALIFORNIA HAD THE MOST CLEAN JOBS AT MORE THAN 318-THOUSAND. AND, CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT, THE REPORT LISTS LOS ANGELES AS HAVING ABOUT 35-THOUSAND MORE GREEN JOBS THAN SAN FRANCISCO. "the bay area has been always perceived as the hub for clean energy and because of so much that's going on there but LA is making great strides, and it's largely due to suburban counties and the desert counties that are also in that metropolitan area where there's some large scale solar plants being built that generate megawatts and megawatts of electricity." A "GREEN" OR "CLEAN" JOB IS ANY THAT "PRODUCES GOODS AND SERVICES WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT," SUCH AS JOBS THAT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT OR MINIMIZE POLLUTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY HAS OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME... INCLUDING FUNDING. BUT NOW... OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE BROADENING THEIR FOCUS TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MORE EMPHASIS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. TODAY, THE RAIL AUTHORITY PARTNERED WITH THE U-S DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND "HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT". THE RAIL AUTHORITY SAYS THE NEW PARTNERSHIPS WILL INCREASE FUNDING TO THE STATE AND KEEP CALIFORNIANS HEALTHY. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL LINE IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 20-26.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/20/11 REPORTED... HETCH HETCHY -- AT ITS' FINEST. A HIGH-TECH WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IS MAKING SOME OF THE BAY AREA'S CLEANEST WATER -- EVEN CLEANER. THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UNVEILED ITS TESLA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY. IT'S THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN CALIFORNIA... AND THE THIRD LARGEST IN NORTH AMERICA. THE PLANT IN TRACY USES ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT TO STERILIZE DRINKING WATER AND PREVENT GASTRO- INTESTINAL ILLNESS CAUSED BY MICRO-ORGANISMS. THE CHEMICAL- FREE SYSTEM WILL BE USED IN THE DRINKING WATER OF TWO-AND- A-HALF MILLION BAY AREA CUSTOMERS WHO GET THEIR WATER FROM THE HETCH HETCHY RESERVOIR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/20/11 REPORTED... VC'S LOOKING AT CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURE AS THE NEXT BIG THING... THAT'S WHY THE FOUNDERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF SMALL AND LARGE AGRICULTURAL COMPANIES, GROWERS, AND AG TECH BUSINESSES, ALL SHOWCASED THEIR INVENTIONS AND IDEAS TODAY AT THE "GROW CALIFORNIA" EVENT IN SACRAMENTO. THE "MUSCO FAMILY OLIVE COMPANY," USED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE ITS NEW MODEL FOR GROWING OLIVES. EVENT ORGANIZERS SAY "GROW CALIFORNIA" IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ENTREPRENEURS LOOKING FOR CAPITAL. THE HOPE IS THE CONFERENCE WILL SPUR INNOVATION FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE, SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS DONE A FEW YEARS AGO IN THE SILICON VALLEY FOR HIGH TECH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... A HELICOPTER LED TODAY'S SWEEP OF AN EAST BAY PARK, WHERE ONE--AND PERHAPS TWO-- GUNMEN ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PROTECTING A MARIJUANA GROWING OPERATION. A PARK POLICE OFFICER SAYS HE WAS FIRED-ON LAST NIGHT WHILE ON PATROL. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE SUSPECTED GROWERS FIRED A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE- - BUT BY THIS AFTERNOON, THEY'RE GUESSING THE GUNMEN WERE LONG GONE. LEADERS OF THE PARK POLICE SAY THEY'LL RETURN WITH REINFORCEMENTS TO ERADICATE THE PLANTS. POLICE SAY IT WILL TAKE LOTS OF OUTSIDE HELP TO SCOUR THE RUGGED CANYON AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/27/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO'S TRASH COULD SOON BE HEADED TO YUBA COUNTY AND PEOPLE THERE AREN'T HAPPY ABOUT IT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED A 10-YEAR DEAL WITH YUBA COUNTY DUMP OWNER "RECOLOGY", THAT WILL LIKELY BEGIN IN 20-15. A COALITION OF YUBA COUNTY RESIDENTS AND SAN FRANCISCO ACTIVISTS CALL IT A "SWEETHEART" DEAL, THAT WILL COST SAN FRANCISCO ALOT OF MONEY, WHILE HARMING THE ENVIRONMENT IN YUBA COUNTY. SUPPORTERS SAY THE DEAL WILL BRING THE CASH STRAPPED COUNTY 22-MILLION DOLLARS.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... NEARLY 60 MILLION PEOPLE TRAVEL IN AND OUT OF BAY AREA AIRPORTS EACH YEAR. TODAY.. THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE NONE OF THEM ARE SECURITY THREATS CAME UNDER FIRE ON CAPITAL HILL. DESPITE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS BEING SPENT ON SECURITY, CRITICS IN CONGRESS CHARGED THAT THE NATION'S AIRPORTS ARE STILL VULNERABLE TO TERROR ATTACKS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PRESENTED A REPORT SHOWING SOME 25-THOUSAND SECURITY BREACHES AT THE NATION'S AIRPORTS SINCE 9-11. THEY REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT A TERRORIST

NEEDS TO SLIP THROUGH SECURITY ONLY ONCE TO CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE. THE REPORT SAYS SIX THOUSAND TRAVELERS MADE IT PAST GOVERNMENT SCREENERS WITHOUT PROPER SCRUTINY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/14/11 REPORTED... THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE STATE SAYS SMALL CITIES CAN BAN PLASTIC BAGS WITHOUT CONDUCTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT'S RULING OVERTURNS A PAIR OF LOWER COURT DECISIONS STEMMING FROM A 2008 ORDINANCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- AT MANHATTAN BEACH. SMALL CITIES DO NOT NEED AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO IMPOSE A BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS. BUT LARGER CITIES AND TOWNS MAY CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS WHEN ARE -- QUOTE -- "CUMULATIVE IMPACTS FROM A SERIES OF SMALL-SCALE EVENTS" -- END QUOTE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/14/11 REPORTED... A NATIONAL NON PROFIT GROUP IS TRYING TO CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE REGISTER TO VOTE. IF IT SUCCEEDS, IT COULD SAVE CALIFORNIA SOME MONEY THE PEW CENTER IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND DECREASE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GETTING VOTERS REGISTERED. THEY POINT TO ONLINE REGISTRATION AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION. CURRENTLY THERE ARE ABOUT SIX-POINT-FIVE MILLION CALIFORNIANS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BUT WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED. BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH REGISTRATION IN THE STATE. OUR RESEARCH INDICATES THAT ROUGHLY TWO MILLION VOTERS, PERHAPS MORE, VOTERS HAVE ACTIVE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS AND YET THEY ARE DEAD. OUR RESEARCH INDICATES ABOUT THREE MILLION ACTIVE VOTERS HAVE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS IN MORE THAN ONE STATE. UM, ITS NOT BECAUSE ANYONE IS DOING ANYTHING WRONG SO MUCH, ITS BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH OUR IN INCREASINGLY MOBILE SOCIETY. NINE STATES ALREADY ALLOW VOTERS TO REGISTER ONLINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/15/11 REPORTED... IF YOU PAY INTEREST ON ANYTHING.. CREDIT CARDS.. CAR LOAN.. MORTGAGE.. THEN THE DEBATE IN WASHINGTON OVER RASING THE DEBT CEILING MATTERS TO YOU. TODAY THE PRESIDENT ISSUED A STERN WARNING THAT WITHOUT A DEAL TO RAISE THE DEBT LIMIT.. THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST YOU PAY COULD GO UP. THAT'S BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY ITS BILLS DUE AUGUST 3RD.. AND THE GROUPS OWED THE MONEY.. WILL PENALIZE IT. THE PRESIDENT SAYS HE WILL GIVE UP FUNDING FOR SOME OF HIS FAVORITE PROJECTS.. BUT ONLY IF REPUBLICANS ARE WILLING TO RAISE TAXES ON THE WEALTHY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PART OF A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT STUDIES CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY. MEMBERS OF "THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER" ARE GATHERING IN SAN FRANCISCO. D-A GEORGE GASCON TELLS US THE ORGANIZATION IS DISCUSSING SEVERAL TOPICS -- INCLUDING JUSTICE RE-INVESTMENT AND LESSONS LEARNED WHILE OBSERVING A STUDY INVOLVING SCHOOL KIDS IN TEXAS... THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER" IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT THAT SERVES POLICY MAKERS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/27/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL EXPAND THE REACH OF ITS "VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION" BY HOLDING OFFICE HOURS IN THE COMMUNITY. DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON SAYS THE GOAL OF THESE NEW OFFICE HOURS IS TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS THAT KEEP VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CRIME FROM TALKING

WITH POLICE - AND GETTING THOSE PEOPLE THE PROPER HELP AND SERVICES THEY NEED. THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE HELD IN THE MISSION AND BAYVIEW DISTRICTS. THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIMES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A CASE HAS BEEN CHARGED OR A SUSPECT IS IN CUSTODY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/28/11 REPORTED... COYOTES AND SUBURBAN CALIFORNIANS HAVE BEEN UNEASY NEIGHBORS FOR DECADES-- BUT IN ORANGE COUNTY, THE PROBLEM HAS BECOME DEADLY. RIGHT NOW, IN THE TOWN OF LAGUNA WOODS, THE CITY COUNCIL IS HOLDING AN EMERGENCY MEETING-- VOTING ON WHETHER TO CHANGE ITS GUN LAWS, TO ALLOW EXTERMINATORS TO **SHOOT** COYOTES. CURRENTLY THE LAW SAYS WITHIN CITY LIMITS-- GUNS MAY BE USED ONLY BY POLICE OR IN SELF-DEFENSE. A COYOTE ATTACK ON TUESDAY PROMPTED THE PROPOSAL. A YORKSHIRE TERRIER WAS SNATCHED WHILE ITS OWNER WAS WALKING IT ON A LEASH. THE WOMAN WAS DRAGGED, SUFFERING MINOR INJURIES. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE SET TRAPS, AND USED TRANQUILIZER AND PAINTBALL GUNS, BUT THE COYOTES HAVE BECOME TOO AGGRESSIVE.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/11 REPORTED... WEST NILE VIRUS IS SURFACING AGAIN IN THE BAY AREA. OFFICIALS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SAY A DEAD BIRD FOUND NEAR TREAT AND BANCROFT IN WALNUT CREEK -- TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE DISEASE. HERE'S THE MAP...IT'S NOT FAR FROM 680. OFFICIALS SAY HOT WEATHER AND STANDING WATER FROM THE RAIN HAS CAUSED THE MOSQUITO POPULATION TO SPIKE. THEY URGE RESIDENTS TO DRAIN STAGNANT WATER FROM THEIR YARDS. YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF FROM WEST NILE VIRUS BY USING INSECT REPELLENT...AND AVOIDING THE OUTDOORS AROUND DAWN AND DUSK, WHEN MOSQUITOS TEND TO BE THE MOST ACTIVE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... SOCIAL WORKERS SAY THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IS ALREADY OVER BURDENED AND DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ACCOMMODATE A NEW GROUP OF FOSTER KIDS. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN A FEW CASES WHERE PARENTS HAVE LOST CUSTODY OF THEIR OBESE CHILD. INCLUDING A SINGLE MOTHER IN SOUTH CAROLINA WHO LOST CUSTODY OF HER 555 POUND , 14 YEAR OLD SON. BUT UNLESS A CHILD IS IN IMMINENT DANGER,THE STATE IS NOT LIKELY TO INTERVENE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/18/11 REPORTED... NOW TO A CAUTIONARY TALE OUT OF THE EAST BAY. TWO TODDLERS -- WERE AIRLIFTED TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN OAKLAND...AFTER TAKING A SIP OUT OF A WATER BOTTLE THAT ONE OF THEM PICKED UP OFF THE STREET. POLICE SAY... THE LIQUID INSIDE MAY HAVE BEEN CLEANING FLUID. THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-YEAR-OLD BOY AND HIS 19-MONTH-OLD SISTER FROM BRENTWOOD WERE WITH THEIR MOTHER IN SAN JOSE YESTERDAY. AFTER SEEING ONE OF THE KIDS HOLDING THE BOTTLE, THE MOTHER GRABBED IT AND PUT IT IN THE STORAGE COMPARTMENT OF THE CAR DOOR. SHE SAYS SHE INTENDED TO THROW IT AWAY LATER. BUT SHE FORGOT. AND ONCE THE FAMILY GOT HOME.. THE BOY GRABBED THE BOTTLE AGAIN... AND BOTH KIDS TOOK A SIP. THEY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS... BUT ARE OKAY NOW. POLICE WANT TO USE THIS AS A REMINDER TO CAREFULLY LABEL ALL OF YOUR BOTTLES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SPENT IN THE LAST TEN YEARS ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND LOBBYING IN CALIFORNIA. THEY SPENT ALMOST TEN MILLION DOLLARS, JUST IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. A NEW REPORT OUT TODAY

FROM "THE CENTER FOR TOBACCO POLICY AND ORGANIZING" SAYS TOBACCO COMPANIES SPENT THE MONEY FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPPOSE BILLS AND BALLOT MEASURES THAT WOULD REDUCE TOBACCO USE. TOBACCO-RELATED COMPANIES GAVE SIX AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO 59 DIFFERENT STATE LAWMAKERS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. "THAT'S" ABOUT 48 PERCENT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/19/11 REPORTED... WELL, IF YOU WANT INFORMATION ON OTHER MEDICAL ILLNESSES, YOU CAN PROBABLY DOWNLOAD AN APP FOR THAT. THERE ARE MORE THAN 17-THOUSAND MEDICAL APPS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CELL PHONE OR TABLET, RANGING FROM CALORIE COUNTERS TO HEART MONITORS. BUT THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO START REGULATING SOME OF THOSE APPS, SPECIFICALLY THE ONES THAT CAN POSE A GREATER RISK TO YOUR HEALTH IF THEY DON'T WORK PROPERLY. FOR EXAMPLE, A MOBILE APP THAT HELPS CONTROL THE DELIVERY OF INSULIN OR ONE THAT MONITORS ABNORMAL HEART RHYTHMS. THE F-D-A WOULD *NOT* REGULATE MEDICAL APPS THAT PROVIDE ADVICE OR COUNT CALORIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/25/11 REPORTED... ICE CREAM, CUPCAKES, EVEN BURGERS AND FRIES... THEY'RE COMFORT FOOD AND THEY'RE FATTENING, BUT THEY SURE DO HELP BRIGHTEN UP A BAD MOOD. AND NOW, NEW RESEARCH SHOWS WHY. RESEARCHERS IN ENGLAND SAW SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE BRAINS OF TWELVE PARTICIPANTS WHEN THEY ATE THE FATTY FOODS. SOME WERE GIVEN A FAT SOLUTION THROUGH THE STOMACH WHILE OTHERS GOT A SALTY SOLUTION. THOSE WITH THE FATTY ONE, REPORTED FEELING 50- PERCENT LESS SAD. THE STUDY SUGGESTS IT'S THE FATTY ACID ITSELF THAT HELPS DECREASE SAD EMOTIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/28/11 REPORTED... SUPPORTERS OF A CIRCUMCISION BAN IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE TONIGHT CONSIDERING AN APPEAL-- AFTER A JUDGE SNIPPED THE CONTROVERSIAL MEASURE FROM THE CITY'S NOVEMBER BALLOT. DEMONSTRATORS ON BOTH SIDES WAITED OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE AS THE JUDGE ISSUED HER FINAL RULING TODAY. THE JUDGE DECIDING THE BALLOT MEASURE VIOLATES AN EXISTING CALIFORNIA LAW THAT MAKES REGULATING MEDICAL PROCEDURES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE, NOT CITIES. IF THE JUDGE HAD ALLOWED THE MEASURE TO GO ON THE BALLOT, SAN FRANCISCO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST CITY IN THE NATION TO VOTE ON CIRCUMCISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/28/11 REPORTED... A NEW STUDY IS **NOT** HELPING TO CLEAR-UP THE ONGOING CONFUSION OVER BREAST CANCER PREVENTION. RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN A BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SAYS THERE'S LITTLE EVIDENCE ADVANCE SCREENINGS HAVE HELPED CUT THE NUMBER OF BREAST CANCER DEATHS. THE REPORT SAYS *BETTER TREATMENT HAS IMPROVED THE SURVIVOR RATE-- **NOT** SCREENINGS. BUT BREAST CANCER CHARITIES ARE REJECTING THAT FINDING. "BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER" SAYS 14-HUNDRED LIVES ARE SAVED BY SCREENING EACH YEAR IN THE U-K.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... TONIGHT - A WEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN IS DENYING CHARGES THAT SHE'S THE RING-LEADER IN A SCHEME TO ILLEGALLY EXPORT PAINT TO PAKISTAN. THAT PAINT IS ALLEGEDLY USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAKISTANI NUCLEAR PLANT. MANY EXPERTS FEAR THAT PLANT WILL PRODUCE PLUTONIUM. 51-YEAR OLD

"SHOO WANG" WAS ARRESTED AT AN ATLANTA AIRPORT LAST MONTH. THE U-C SANTA CRUZ GRAD IS BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATING U-S EXPORT LAWS AS WELL AS CONSPIRACY ... IN CONNECTION WITH A PAINT PURCHASE BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THE FELONY CHARGES CARRY A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF 65 YEARS IN PRISON AND MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS IN FINES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/13/11 REPORTED... TWO BIRTHDAYS, BEHIND BARS. TODAY SHANE BAUER CELEBRATED HIS 30TH BIRTHDAY IN AN IRANIAN PRISON WHILE FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONTINUE TO RALLY FOR HIS RELEASE HERE AT HOME. BAUER AND HIS FRIEND JOSH FATTAL ARE IN IRANIAN CUSTODY AFTER BEING ARESTED ALONG THE IRAN/IRAQ BORDER DURING A HIKING TRIP TWO YEARS AGO. SHANE'S FRIENDS HERE IN THE BAY AREA ARE HOSTING A RECEPTION TO SHOW HIS WORK AS A PHOTOJOURNALIST. BAUER'S FIANCE SARAH SHOURD WAS ALSO ARRESTED BUT WAS RELEASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS LATE LAST YEAR. SHOURD, BAUER AND FATTAL ALL ATTENDED U-C BERKELEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/20/11 REPORTED... THE FBI NEEDS YOUR HELP. A FEDERAL MANHUNT IS UNDERWAY FOR A SUSPECT CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING HIS OWN ELDERLY MOTHER. AND THERE'S A BAY AREA CONNECTION. THE F-B-I IS WORKING A CASE THAT SPANS FROM ASHLAND, OREGON TO DALY CITY TO LOS ANGELES. AUTHORITIES SAY 85-YEAR-OLD DORIS GOLDBERG WAS TAKEN FROM HER OREGON HOME ON MAY 24TH. SHE SUFFERS FROM ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA. WE'RE TOLD THE WOMAN WAS LIVING WITH ANOTHER SON AT THE TIME OF THE ABDUCTION. A FEDERAL FUGITIVE WARRANT NAMES 55-YEAR-OLD MARSHALL GOLDBERG. HE HAS TIES IN DALY CITY -- AND USED TO WORK IN L-A. HE MAY BE DRIVING A '96 GOLD OLDSMOBILE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CASE, YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL THE FBI

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PART OF A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT STUDIES CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY. MEMBERS OF "THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER" ARE GATHERING IN SAN FRANCISCO. D-A GEORGE GASCON TELLS US THE ORGANIZATION IS DISCUSSING SEVERAL TOPICS -- INCLUDING JUSTICE RE-INVESTMENT AND LESSONS LEARNED WHILE OBSERVING A STUDY INVOLVING SCHOOL KIDS IN TEXAS... THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER" IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT THAT SERVES POLICY MAKERS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/26/11 REPORTED... A LITTLE GIRL FROM WASHINGTON STATE HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE-- IN A VERY SHORT TIME. WHEN *RACHEL BECKWITH* TURNED NINE YEARS OLD LAST MONTH, SHE TOLD EVERYONE **NOT** TO GIVE HER PRESENTS, BUT TO DONATE TO A FUND BRINGING CLEAN WATER TO POOR COUNTRIES. SHE WAS 80-DOLLARS SHORT OF HER THREE-HUNDRED DOLLAR GOAL WHEN SHE BLEW-OUT HER BIRTHDAY CANDLES. BUT WHEN SHE WAS CRITICALLY INJURED IN A FREAK CAR CRASH LAST WEEK, THOUSANDS WERE INSPIRED BY HER WISH, AND DONATIONS POURED IN. BY SATURDAY, WHEN HER PARENTS REMOVED HER FROM LIFE-SUPPORT, THE SOCIAL MEDIA HAD HELPED BOOST RACHEL'S WATER FUND TO MORE THAN A-QUARTER-MILLION DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/28/11 REPORTED... SOME TENSE MOMENTS ABOARD A PLANE BOUND FROM MIAMI TO SAN FRANCISCO WITNESSES SAY TWO BROTHERS -- ATTACKED THE PILOT AND CREW. THEY WERE THEN TACKLED -- BY OTHER PASSENGERS. IT HAPPENED WHILE THE PLANE WAS STILL AT THE GATE. AMERICAN AIRLINES SAID THE FLIGHT CREW WAS ESCORTING ONE OF THE UNRULY PASSENGERS OFF THE PLANE, WHEN A SECOND PASSENGER STEPPED IN.

THAT PASSENGER ALLEGED HIS BROTHER WASN'T DRUNK OR ON DRUGS, BUT ON MEDICATION. THEN WITNESSES SAY THE SECOND PASSENGER ATTACKED THE PILOT. AMERICAN AIRLINES SAYS BOTH MEN, LUIS AND JONATHAN BAEZ, THEN ATTACKED THE PILOT AGAIN IN THE WALKWAY FROM THE PLANE BACK TO THE GATE. THE PLANE EVENTUALLY LANDED AT SFO AT 2 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING...WITHOUT THE TWO BROTHERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/28/11 REPORTED... THE GRIM WORK OF RECOVERING THE BODIES OF THE UTOYA ISLAND MASSACRE IN NORWAY HAS ENDED ...SERACHERS FINDING THE LAST UNACCOUNTED CAMPER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE WITH A GUNSHOT TO HER BACK. TONIGHT THE QUESTION THAT REMAINS ... WHY IT TOOK POLICE MORE THAN AN HOUR TO GET TO THE ISLAND AFTER THE SHOOTING STARTED FRIDAY. THE GOVERNMENT IS CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION..TOPOF THE LIST ...POLICE RESPONSE.. ANDERS BREVIEK... POLICE SAY THEY COULDN'T FIND A HELICOPTER. IT TOOK THEM 30 MINUTES TO DRIVE TO THE AREA OF THE ISLAND AND THEN COULDN'T GET A BOAT TO CROSS OVER TO IT... AND ONCE THEY DID GET A BOAT - THEY HAD TO BAIL WATER ALL THE WAY ONCE THEY LOCATED SUSPECT ANDERS BREIVICK HE SURRENDED WITHOUT ISSUE BUT NOT BEFORE 68 CAMPERS HAD BEEN SHOT. A TOTAL OF 76 DIED IN THE ATTCK IN OSLO AND AT THE YOUTH CAMP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/29/11 REPORTED... THE FINAL HEARING FOR THE TWO U-C BERKELEY GRADS WHO ARE IMPRISONED IN IRAN -- IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY. TODAY - FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS RALLIED OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS, CALLING FOR THEIR RELEASE. JOSH FATTAL AND SHANE BAUER ARE STILL IN PRISON AFTER TWO YEARS. THE TWO, ALONG WITH SARAH SHOURED, BAUER'S FIANCE, WERE HIKING ALONG THE IRAQ/IRAN BORDER -- WHEN THEY WERE ARRESTED BY IRANIAN POLICE. SHOURED WAS RELEASED LAST SEPTEMBER FOR MEDICAL REASONS AND TODAY SHE REPEATED THAT THE THREE DID "NOT" KNOWINGLY CROSS THE IRANIAN BORDER. BUT IRANIAN AUTHORITIES ACCUSED THEM OF ESPIONAGE AND ILLEGAL ENTRY. FATTAL AND BAUER HAVE PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... A MOTHER-OF-FOUR AND HER FRIEND ARE THE LATEST VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND. POLICE INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE AND HER FRIEND WERE AMBUSHED-- SHOT AS THEY WAITED IN HER CAR FOR THE ELECTRONIC GATE AT HER APARTMENT COMPLEX TO OPEN. MCFADDEN STUMBLED OUT THE PASSENGER-SIDE DOOR AND COLLAPSED ON THE SIDEWALK. THE DRIVER CRASHED THE CAR THROUGH THE HEAVY GATE-- HE DIED TODAY FROM HIS INJURIES. MCFADDEN WAS SAID TO BE PLANNING HER

FOUR-YEAR-OLD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LATER THIS WEEK. DETECTIVES HOPE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS POSTED AROUND THE COMPLEX CAPTURED EVIDENCE WHICH WILL LEAD THEM TO THE KILLER OR KILLERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN SAN JOSE MAY BE OUT OF WORK BY THE END OF THE YEAR... WITH THE END OF THE CITY'S DAY LABORER PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE CITY FOR YEARS... BUT BUDGET CUTS HAVE FORCED THE CITY TO STOP THE PROGRAM. THE DAY LABORER PROGRAM IS RUN BY THE C-T-C WORKER CENTER. DIRECTORS AT THE CENTER SAY THEY NEED AT LEAST 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO OPERATE IT. CITY MANAGERS SAY THIS ISN'T THE END OF THEIR WORK WITH C-T-C. THE DAY LABORER PROGRAM HELPS ABOUT 40 PEOPLE A DAY... AND WORKS TO HELP RESOLVE ISSUES BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND DAY LABORERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/2/11 REPORTED... BART IS USING TONIGHT'S EVENTS TO TRY AND REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY. RELATIONS HAVE BEEN TENSE IN THE WAKE OF THE JULY 3RD DEADLY SHOOTING OF CHARLES HILL. BART PLANS TO HOST SIX COMMUNITY MEETINGS TONIGHT. THERE'S STILL TIME TO CATCH ONE OF THE MEETINGS AT THE STATIONS IN UNION CITY, OAKLAND COLISEUM, WEST DUBLIN, ASHBY, AND THE 16TH STREET STATION IN SAN FRANCISCO. A BART SPOKESMAN SAYS THE GOAL IS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN POLICE AND CITIZENS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... THE TACO TRUCK THAT SAT IN THE FRONT YARD OF A HOME IN EAST SAN JOSE... HAS TO ROLL OUT.. OR ELSE. THIS IS A FOLLOW UP TO A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU TUESDAY. THIS AFTERNOON... AN INSPECTOR FROM THE CITY OF SAN JOSE SAID THE TRUCKS OWNER IS IN VIOLATION OF RULES FOR PREPARING AND SELLING FOOD TO THE PUBLIC. THE INSPECTOR SAYS THE ENTREPRENEURIAL CHEF DOESN'T HAVE THE PROPER PERMIT. THE OWNERS OF THE TRUCK ARE BEING ASKED TO STOP SELLING THEIR ONE DOLLAR TACOS.. WHICH ARE VERY POPULAR AMONG MANY NEIGHBORS. IF THEY DON'T STOP.. THE CITY SAYS IT WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... ONLY IN THE BAY AREA DO WE HAVE THIS: ZINFANDEL AND BORDEAUX. NOT THE WINE. THIS IS THE NEW COLOR SCHEME FOR THE SEATS OF THE 49ERS PROPOSED NEW STADIUM. AT TEAM HEADQUARTERS IN SATNA CLARA TODAY -- THE TEAM AND IT'S DESIGNERS UNVEILED THE LATEST DRAWINGS OF THE STADIUM THEY HOPE BUILD NEXT DOOR TO GREAT AMERICA. THE 987-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CLOSEST FIELD LEVEL SEATING IN THE N-F-L.. PLENTY OF LUXURY BOXES.. AND FITTINGLY, IT WILL FEATURE THE LATEST IN SILICON VALLEY TECHNOLOGY. BUT IT WILL ALSO HAVE A RETRO ASPECT TO IT AS WELL. IT'S DESIGNED IN THE MOLD OF AN ANCIENT ROMAN AMPHITHEATER. THE 49ERS SAY THEY ARE ON TARGET TO OPEN IN 20-15 .AS FOR THE NEXT FEW SEASONS...CANDLESTICK IT IS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... WE KNEW THIS WAS COMING.. AND NOW WE'RE GETTING THE DETAILS ON JUST HOW BAD IT WILL BE. DUE TO STATE BUDGET CUTS -- THE SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT MUST CHANGE ITS' WAYS - INCLUDING REDUCED HOURS AND STAFF LAYOFFS. STARTING IN OCTOBER, OFFICE HOURS FOR ALL CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CLERKS' WILL BE CUT BY ONE

HOUR PER DAY. 25 OUT OF 63 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURTROOMS WILL CLOSE AND TWO-HUNDRED OF THE COURT'S 480 EMPLOYEES WILL BE LAID OFF... ONLY THREE COURTROOMS WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR "CIVIL" TRIALS - CAUSING DELAYS OF UP TO FIVE YEARS IN SOME CASES. "CRIMINAL COURTROOMS" AT THE HALL OF JUSTICE WILL REMAIN OPEN BECAUSE CRIMINAL CASES ARE A PRIORITY UNDER STATE LAW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF BAY AREA CONSTRUCTION WORKERS -- WHO ARE RELIEVED TONIGHT. THEY'RE GOING BACK TO WORK. CONGRESS HAS STRUCK A DEAL TO END THE PARTIAL SHUTDOWN OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. THE AGREEMENT WOULD END A STANDOFF THAT HAS LEFT MORE THAN 4-THOUSAND F-A-A WORKERS FURLOUGHED, AND IDLED SOME 70-THOUSAND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. THE IMPASSE ALSO COST THE GOVERNMENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOST REVENUES FROM AIRLINE TICKETING FEES. THE DEAL ANNOUNCED LATE TODAY WOULD *NOT* SOLVE THE CONGRESSIONAL DISPUTE OVER SUBSIDIES FOR AIR SERVICE TO RURAL COMMUNITIES -- BUT IT WILL EXTEND FUNDING THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER. EVEN THOUGH MOST CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY LEFT WASHINGTON ON BREAK, THE DEAL CAN STILL BE APPROVED BY SENATORIAL *UNANIMOUS CONSENT* BECAUSE NEITHER CHAMBER HAS FORMALLY ADJOURNED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... IF THE ECONOMIC BOTTOM DROPPED-OUT TOMORROW, WOULD YOU BE READY? A NEW POLL SUGGESTS PROBABLY NOT. THE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY "THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CREDIT COUNSELING" SAYS 64 PERCENT OF AMERICANS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH ON HAND TO HANDLE A THOUSAND DOLLAR EMERGENCY EXPENSE. ABOUT 17 PERCENT SAY THAT IF THEY NEEDED MONEY, THEY WOULD HAVE TO ASK FRIENDS OR FAMILY. ANOTHER 17 PERCENT SAID THEY WOULD IGNORE OTHER BILLS TO FREE UP SOME CASH. OVER 27-HUNDRED PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THIS SURVEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/18/11 REPORTED... NOT SURPRISINGLY -- THERE WAS A BIG CROWD AT A JOB FAIR IN HAYWARD TODAY. IT WAS THE FIRST-**EVER** FOR THE ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION-- AND IT WON'T BE THE LAST. ALAMEDA COUNTY'S 18-SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE ABOUT A-HUNDRED OPENINGS, AND NOT JUST FOR TEACHERS. BABY BOOMER EMPLOYEES ARE RETIRING, AND THE COUNTY SAYS IT'S LOOKING FOR GOOD PEOPLE TO REPLACE THEM. WORKSHOPS AND COUNSELING ARE PART OF THE PROCESS. JOB OPENINGS ARE *WELCOME NEWS* IN THE EDUCATION FIELD, WHICH HAS SEEN CUTS AT EVERY LEVEL. ALAMEDA COUNTY EDUCATION LEADERS ARE ALREADY PLANNING ANOTHER JOB FAIR FOR NEXT SPRING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/31/11 REPORTED... ONE CONTROVERSY AFTER ANOTHER...IT'S BEEN A TUMULTUOUS FEW YEARS FOR BART. AND NOW -- A NEW BEGINNING. BART HAS A NEW BOSS. TODAY, AT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING -- BART NAMED TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT "GRACE CRUNICAN" (KROON-eh-ken) AS ITS' THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER. CRUNICAN HAS THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

SHE WAS THE CHIEF OF THE "SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" FOR 8 YEARS AND WORKED FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION UNDER PRESIDENT CLINTON. CRUNICAN REPLACES DOROTHY DUGGER [[DUH-gur]] - WHO RESIGNED UNDER PRESSURE IN APRIL.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... STARTING TODAY, A-C TRANSIT RIDERS WILL HAVE TO PULL OUT A LITTLE MORE CHANGE. THE BASIC ADULT FARE GOES UP BY A DIME TO 2-10. THE FARES FOR CHILDREN, SENIORS AND THE DISABLED IS UP 5 CENTS. THIS INCREASE IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF HIKEs THAT WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... THERE'S A MASSIVE, NATIONWIDE RECALL UNDERWAY OF GROUND TURKEY MEAT THAT EVEN THE PRODUCER ADMITS MAY BE LINKED TO AN OUTBREAK OF SALMONELLA. MEAT GIANT CARGILL HAS ORDERED THE RECALL, BUT THE FEDS WAITED TWO WEEKS BEFORE NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... SOME HIGH TECH ESPIONAGE: THAT FAMOUS CASE INVOLVING APPLE. TWO MEN COULD FACE UP TO A YEAR IN PRISON FOR SELLING AN I-PHONE-4 PROTO-TYPE TO TECH BLOG GIZMODO. 22-YEAR OLD BRIAN HOGAN HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT OF MISAPPROPRIATING LOST PROPERTY. HOGAN'S ASSOCIATE, SAGE WALLOWER WAS ALSO CHARGED. THE PAIR FOUND THE PHONE AT A BAR IN WOODSIDE LAST YEAR. THEY THEN SOLD IT TO A GIZMODO BLOGGER WHO REVEALED THE PROTO-TYPE ONLINE. THE D-A DROPPED ALL CHARGES AGAINST GIZMODO. BOTH MEN WILL BE ARRAIGNED LATER THIS MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS ARE HITTING SOME HIGH-COST SPEEDBUMPS-- BUT A WASHINGTON POWERHOUSE IS URGING CALIFORNIA to MOVE AHEAD ANYWAY. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID SAID TODAY IT WOULD be "SHORT-SIGHTED" TO ABANDON HIGH SPEED RAIL. REID MENTIONED THIS ON A CONFERENCE CALL ON THE SUBJECT OF CLEAN ENERGY. HE SAYS THE RAIL SYSTEM WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY AND THAT *NOT* TAKING ACTION COULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE ... IN THE LONG RUN. HE SAYS INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT HOW MUCH THE 800-MILE SYSTEM COSTS, CALIFORNIA SHOULD THINK ABOUT WHAT IT SAVES IN FUTURE POLLUTION, AND FUTURE FREEWAY CONGESTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... ONE DAY WITHOUT FACEBOOK? A GROUP OF HACKERS WANTS TO BRING DOWN THE PALO ALTO BASED COMPANY. A SPLINTER GROUP KNOWN AS 'ANONYMOUS' IS USING THIS YOUTUBE VIDEO TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR BRINGING DOWN FACEBOOK ON NOVEMBER 5TH. ANONYMOUS CLAIMS FACEBOOK SHARES PRIVATE INFORMATION WITH POLICE

AGENCIES AROUND THE WORLD. NO WORD ON THE IDENTITY OF THE HACKERS--THOUGH SOME PEOPLE IN THE GROUP HAVE EXPRESSED OUTRAGE OVER THE CONCEPT. FACEBOOK IS NOT COMMENTING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/18/11 REPORTED... A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANS THAT COULD ALLEVIATE CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS ON THE PENINSULA. A NEW STUDY SHOWS HIGH SPEED TRAINS, COULD SHARE THE RAILS WITH CALTRAIN, BETWEEN SAN MATEO AND REDWOOD CITY. THE STUDY, BY AN ENGINEERING FIRM, FINDS THE CURRENT TRACK, COULD ACCOMMODATE UP TO FOUR HIGH SPEED TRAINS AND SIX CALTRAINS AN HOUR. CALTRAIN SAYS WHILE IT'S IN THE INITIAL STAGES, THE PLAN COULD BE PROMISING IN REDUCING COSTS AND THE IMPACT ON PENINSULA RESIDENTS WHO WORRY ABOUT NEW TRACKS, BUILT IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. BUT STILL, THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT CONTINUES TO FACE GROWING CRITICISM. SOME LAWMAKERS THINK IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY. GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN DISAGREES, SAYING HIGH SPEED RAIL SHOULD STAY ON TRACK IN CALIFORNIA. HE SAYS HE WANTS TO BE PART OF A GROUP THAT GETS AMERICA TO QUOTE "THINK BIG AGAIN".

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... AFTER HUDDLING UP WITH THE N-F-L...THE 49ERS UNVEILED NEW STEPS THE TEAM WILL TAKE TO ENSURE CANDLESTICK PARK IS SAFER... AMONG THE CHANGES...THERE WILL NOW BE D-U-I CHECKPOINTS SET UP AS PEOPLE LEAVE THE STADIUM... MORE PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE STADIUM AND PARKING LOT...FOOT, BIKE AND MOTORCYCLE PATROLS WILL ALL BE ADDED...BRIGHTER LIGHTS IN THE PARKING LOT WILL BE INSTALLED...AND YOU ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO DRINK ALCOHOL WHILE YOU WAIT TO GET IN TO TAILGATE...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/26/11 REPORTED... FACEBOOK'S REACH AROUND THE WORLD IS EVIDENT WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE AMOUNT OF PAGE VIEWS IT REPORTEDLY GOT IN JUNE ALONE. THE WILDLY-POPULAR SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE RECEIVED 1-TRILLION PAGE VIEWS DURING THAT MONTH. THAT'S TWELVE ZEROS. GOOGLE'S "DOUBLECLICK AD PLANNER RANKINGS" COMPILED THE DATA. YOUTUBE AND YAHOO RANK SECOND AND THIRD IN THE JUNE RANKINGS. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THOSE NUMBERS -- INTERNET RESEARCH COMPANY 'COMSCORE' DISPUTES GOOGLE'S FINDINGS, CLAIMING FACEBOOK RECEIVED LESS THAN HALF A TRILLION PAGE VIEWS IN JUNE.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER DEATH AT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. 26- YEAR OLD HAYLEY LAFLAMME OF SAN RAMON SLIPPED WHILE CLIMBING HALF DOME OVER THE WEEKEND. AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY, BUT RAIN SEEMS TO BE A FACTOR. THIS IS THE FOURTEENTH DEATH IN THE PARK THIS YEAR, WHICH NORMALLY AVERAGES BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX DEATHS BY AUGUST. LAST MONTH THREE PEOPLE FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY WERE SWEEPED OVER THE EDGE AT VERNAL FALL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... ANOTHER CLOSE CALL -- AT A SOUTH BAY POOL. A MAN AND HIS 3-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER ARE RECOVERING AFTER A YOUNG BOY FOUND THEM FLOATING IN A RESIDENTIAL POOL. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND ONE THIS AFTERNOON AT A SAN JOSE APARTMENT COMPLEX. FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED WITHIN FOUR MINUTES AND FOUND BOTH THE MAN AND CHILD LYING BY THE SIDE OF THE POOL. THEY SAY A 9-YEAR OLD BOY JUMPED IN THE WATER AND HELPED THE LITTLE GIRL, WHILE A WOMAN, POSSIBLY

A SWIM INSTRUCTOR, JUMPED IN TO HELP THE MAN. FIREFIGHTER'S SAY THEY WERE UNDER WATER FOR AT LEAST TWO MINUTES AND THE MAN MIGHT HAVE HAD A MEDICAL CONDITION. BOTH WERE SAID TO BE BREATHING, BUT UNCONCIOUS WHEN THEY WERE TAKEN TO A NEARBY HOSPITAL. THE GIRL IS NOW AWAKE, BUT THE MAN REMAINS UNRESPONSIVE. LAST THURSDAY, A MAN IN HIS FORTIES NEARLY DROWNED WITH HIS 6-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AT A HOUSING COMPLEX POOL NOT FAR FROM THE AREA OF TODAY'S INCIDENT. FIREFIGHTERS SAY THESE EVENTS SHOULD SERVE AS A LESSON FOR RESIDENTS TO PRACTICE POOL SAFETY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... A LOS GATOS MOTHER... ACCUSED OF HAVING SEX WITH A 16-YEAR OLD BOY... CLAIMS -SHE- WAS THE VICTIM. AND NOW IT'S UP TO THE JURY TO DECIDE WHICH SIDE IS TELLING THE TRUTH. SARA COLE HAS PLEADED 'NOT GUILTY' TO THREE COUNTS OF UNLAWFUL SEX WITH A MINOR. THE VICTIM CLAIMS COLE SENT HIM GRAPHIC TEXT MESSAGES THAT LATER LED TO THE SEXUAL ENCOUNTERS. BUT COLE CLAIMS THE BOY MANIPULATED AND ASSAULTED -HER-. LAWYERS FOR BOTH SIDES GAVE THEIR CLOSING ARGUMENTS YESTERDAY. THE JURY HAS BEEN DELIBERATING EVER SINCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO FIND A MISSING MAN. 29-YEAR-OLD MAURICE JAMES WAS LAST SEEN ON SUNDAY. POLICE SAID HE WAS DEPRESSED AND HE THOUGHT TO BE HEADED TO THE BEACH. JAMES IS DESCRIBED AS AN AFRICAN AMERICAN, WHO IS SIX-FEET TALL AND WEIGHS 155 POUNDS. HE WAS LAST WEARING A RED T-SHIRT AND BLACK LEATHER PANTS. IF YOU ANY INFORMATION, YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... A HANGOUT AMONG THE GIANTS FAITHFUL IS HELPING A YOUNG PHILLIES FAN WHO IS RECOVERING FROM A HIT-AND-RUN INCIDENT. "LEFTY O'DOUL'S" COLLECTED 66-HUNDRED DOLLARS TODAY DURING A LUNCH AND INTERNET FUNDRAISER. IT WILL GO TOWARDS RYAN WHITE'S MEDICAL EXPENSES. "LEFTY O'DOUL'S FOUNDATION FOR KIDS" WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT MONEY FOR WHITE ON-LINE. THE 9-YEAR-OLD PHILADELPHIA NATIVE IS SHOWING SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT AFTER BEING UPGRADED YESTERDAY FROM CRITICAL TO SERIOUS CONDITION. 21-YEAR-OLD ANDREW VARGAS FACES D-U-I AND HIT-AND-RUN CHARGES IN THE CASE. POLICE SAY HE HIT WHITE AS THE BOY WAS WALKING WITH HIS FAMILY AFTER A PHILLIES - GIANTS GAME LAST WEEK AT A-T-AND-T PARK. HE'S FREE ON 65-THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL -- AND IS EXPECTED TO APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... IT WAS A STORY THAT TOPPED LOCAL HEADLINES FOR WEEKS. TWO YEARS AGO TODAY -- A LITTLE BOY WAS REPORTED MISSING IN OAKLAND. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER - 5 YEAR OLD HASSANI CAMPBELL. THE COMMUNITY SEARCHED FOR HIM FOR MONTHS. HE WAS LAST SEEN OUTSIDE A SHOE STORE IN OAKLAND'S ROCKRIDGE DISTRICT IN 2009. CAMPBELL HAS CEREBRAL PALSY, AND WEARS LEG

BRACES. HE WOULD BE 7 YEAR OLD NOW. BOTH OF HIS FOSTER PARENTS WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE, BUT WERE LATER RELEASED DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE. DESPITE OAKLAND POLICE INDICATING THIS MAY BE A HOMICIDE CASE, A 75-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD IS BEING OFFERED FOR HIS SAFE RETURN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... AUTOPSY RESULTS SHOW THE PREGNANT PACIFICA WOMAN WHO WAS ATTACKED BY HER OWN PIT BULL LAST WEEK, DIED FROM BLOOD LOSS. A NECROPSY OF THE PIT BULL, SHOWS THE ANIMAL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK. EXPERTS SAY THE FAMILY'S OTHER PIT BULL WAS NOT INVOLVED. TEETH IMPRESSIONS FROM THE DOG MATCH THE WOUNDS ON 32 YEAR OLD DARLA NAPORA. HER HUSBAND FOUND HER UNCONCIOUS, WITH THE DOG STANDING OVER HER BODY. THE UN-NEUTERED, TWO YEAR OLD PIT BULL WAS THEN SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE. NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF TRAUMA WAS FOUND ON NAPORA'S BODY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/18/11 REPORTED... NOT GIVING UP HOPE: 24-HOURS AFTER A CANOER WENT MISSING IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-- THE COAST GUARD CONTINUES TO SEARCH THE WATERS. 52-YEAR OLD MICHAEL BUTLER WAS LAST SEEN AROUND SIX LAST NIGHT. HE WAS CANOEING WITH TWO FRIENDS NEAR TREASURE ISLAND-- WHEN THEIR BOAT OVERTURNED. ACCORDING TO THE COAST GUARD, BUTLER CLIMBED BACK INTO THE CANOE- -WHILE HIS TWO FRIENDS SWAM TO SHORE -- AND RETURNED HOME. WHEN THEY RETURNED, BUTLER WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. POLICE FROM SAN FRANCISCO, SAUSALITO, TIBURON, AND BERKELEY ARE NOW SEARCHING THEIR SHORELINES FOR SIGNS OF BUTLER. THE COAST GUARD IS SEARCHING THE BAY. TONIGHT, IT'S UNCLEAR WHY BUTLER STAYED BEHIND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... THE LONG TIME ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST WHO OWNED ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE HILLSIDES IN THE BAY AREA -- HAS PASSED AWAY. LOUISE CLARK LOST HER YEAR LONG BATTLE WITH LUMPHOMA LAST NIGHT, SHE WAS 86 YEARS OLD. CLARK'S HILLSIDE IN LAFAYETTE BEARS ALMOST FIVE THOUSAND CROSSES IN MEMORY OF U.S. SOLDIERS KILLED OVERSEAS. ALONG WITH LAFAYETTE RESIDENT JEFF HEATON, CLARK BEGAN THE CROSSES MEMORIAL IN 2006 TO HONOR THE AMERICAN TROOPS KILLED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. CLARK WANTED THE CROSSES TO STAY UP UNTIL THE SOLDIERS CAME HOME. THE PROPERTY IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF HER HEIRS. VOLUNTEERS HOPE THAT THERE IS AN OFFICAL MEMORIAL FOR THOSE FALLEN SOLDIERS LIKE THE VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON D.C.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... THREE PEOPLE ARE DEAD FROM THREE SEPERATE SHOOTINGS WITHIN HOURS OF EACH OTHER IN OAKLAND THIS WEEKEND. BUT POLICE WILL SOON HAVE MORE HELP ON THE STREETS - AFTER 25 LAID OFF OFFIERS-- WERE REHIRED TODAY. MAYOR JEAN QUAN SET ASIDE FUNDING FOR OFFICERS TO RETURN IN THE BUDGET THAT JUST PASSED. IT'S EXPECTED

THAT 16 OF THOSE OFFICERS WILL BE ON THE STREETS WITHIN A WEEK, WHILE OTHERS ARE STILL BEING RE-TRAINED. IT COULDN'T COME AT A BETTER TIME, SINCE SERIOUS CRIME IS UP. CHIEF BATTS HAS SAID THE RETURNING OFFICERS WILL LIKELY BE PUT ON SPECIAL TASK FORCES TO WORK ON SUPPRESSING CRIME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... A MOTHER-OF-FOUR AND HER FRIEND ARE THE LATEST VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND. POLICE INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE AND HER FRIEND WERE AMBUSHED-- SHOT AS THEY WAITED IN HER CAR FOR THE ELECTRONIC GATE AT HER APARTMENT COMPLEX TO OPEN. MCFADDEN STUMBLED OUT THE PASSENGER-SIDE DOOR AND COLLAPSED ON THE SIDEWALK. THE DRIVER CRASHED THE CAR THROUGH THE HEAVY GATE-- HE DIED TODAY FROM HIS INJURIES. MCFADDEN WAS SAID TO BE PLANNING HER FOUR-YEAR-OLD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LATER THIS WEEK. DETECTIVES HOPE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS POSTED AROUND THE COMPLEX CAPTURED EVIDENCE WHICH WILL LEAD THEM TO THE KILLER OR KILLERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/2/11 REPORTED... ANTIOCH POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE GUNMAN WHO HELD-UP A BARBER-SHOP YESTERDAY AND ORDERED A TEENAGER TO BE HIS GET-AWAY DRIVER. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE TEENAGER, WHO DID ODD JOBS AT THE BARBER SHOP, WALKED-IN ON THE GUNMAN, WHO THEN ORDERED THE BOY TO DRIVE THE BARBER'S TRUCK. THAT PROMPTED AN AMBER ALERT, WHICH WAS CANCELED AFTER MIDNIGHT, WHEN THE TEEN AND THE TRUCK WERE FOUND A COUPLE-MILES AWAY. BARBER AL HOLMES WAS RELIEVED WHEN THE BOY AND HIS MOTHER CAME BY HIS SHOP TODAY, BUT POLICE WHISKED HIM AWAY TO HELP DEVELOP A POLICE-SKETCH. AL HOLMES IS TOO SHAKEN TO APPEAR ON CAMERA, AND IS NOW WAITING FOR POLICE TO RETURN HIS PICKUP TRUCK. HE ADDS THAT HIS NEXT STEP WILL BE TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT HIS STORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... HE'S ACCUSED OF RUNNING OVER FOUR CYCLISTS W/ HIS S-U-V -- -- IN SIX MINUTES. NOW THE EAST BAY MAN SUSPECTED OF A RAMPAGE IN SAN FRANCISCO -- WILL HAVE TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDERS. DAVID CLARK IS ACCUSED OF HITTING FOUR CYCLISTS IN FOUR SEPERATE INCIDENTS IN THE POTRERO HILL NEIGHBORHOOD LAST JUNE. 3 OF THE 4 CYCLISTS HAD TO BE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. HE HAS PLEAD 'NOT GUILTY' TO THE CHARGES. CLARK IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT AGAIN ON AUGUST 16TH WHERE A TRIAL DATE IS EXPECTED TO BE SET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... GILROY POLICE SAY AN ELECTRICAL FIRE ALERTED THEM TO AN INDOOR POT-GROWING OPERATION, AND THE ARRESTS OF THE THREE RESIDENTS TENDING THE PLANTS. LAST FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE FIGHTERS WERE CALLED TO A HOME JUST SOUTH OF HECKER PASS HIGHWAY. THAT'S WHERE THEY SAY THEY FOUND THE HOME'S ELECTRICAL SOURCE HAD BEEN TAMPERED-WITH, AND DISCOVERED THE MARIJUANA PLANTS. THE SAME NIGHT POLICE ARRESTED 60-YEAR OLD ALICIA CHAVEZ -- 39-YEAR OLD VERONICA CHAVEZ -- AND 25-YEAR OLD MANUEL FONSECA. DETECTIVES SAY THEY SEIZED A-HUNDRED-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF POT PLANTS, ALONG WITH GUNS, AND PROCESSED MARIJUANA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... HE RAN... BUT HE COULDN'T HIDE. POLICE OFFICERS IN CONNECTICUT HAVE ARRESTED A MAN WANTED IN CALIFORNIA FOR CHILD SEX ABUSE. JEAN-PAUL BOROWIEC IS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING THREE YOUNG CHILDREN FROM 2002 TO 2007. HE'S ORIGINALLY FROM PETALUMA. OFFICERS IN CONNECTICUT WERE INVESTIGATING BOROWIEC ON AN UNRELATED INCIDENT WHEN THEY LEARNED OF THE ASSAULTS. HE'LL BE IN A CONNECTICUT COURTROOM NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/8/11 REPORTED... A CONVICTED KILLER AND HEIR TO A PORN FORTUNE WANTS A NEW LAWYER AND A NEW TRIAL. A COURT MEMO OUTLINES JAMES MITCHELL'S INTENTIONS TO RELEASE HIS ATTORNEY AND TAKE A PUBLIC DEFENDER -- CLAIMING HE HAD INADEQUATE REPRESENTATION. MITCHELL FACES 35-YEARS TO LIFE AFTER HE WAS CONVICTED IN JULY OF MURDERING EX-GIRLFRIEND DANIELLE KELLER AND KIDNAPPING THEIR ONE-YEAR-OLD BABY IN NOVATO. MITCHELL -- THE SON OF LATE PORN KING JIM MITCHELL -- IS SCHEDULED FOR SENTENCING AUGUST 16TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... CONCORD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A BANK ROBBER WHO MADE OFF WITH SOME MONEY THIS MORNING. THE SUSPECT HANDED OVER A THREATENING NOTE TO A BANK TELLER. THESE ARE SURVEILLANCE PICTURES OF THE ROBBERY AT FIRST BANK AND TRUST ON WILLOW PASS ROAD. THE MAN ENTERED THE BANK, WAITED IN LINE, GAVE THE TELLER A NOTE DEMANDING MONEY, AND LEFT. THERE WAS NO WEAPON AND NO ONE WAS HURT. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PICTURE. HE'S DESCRIBED AS A WHITE OR MIDDLE EASTERN MAN IN HIS 50'S, WITH A DARK GOATEE AND GRAYING HAIR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... IT'S A STORY WE BROKE OVER THE WEEKEND -- AND TONIGHT WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECOND SUSPECT ARRESTED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF A 3 YEAR-OLD OAKLAND BOY. OFFICERS IN LAS VEGAS TOOK 22 YEAR OLD WILLIE TORRENCE OF OAKLAND INTO CUSTODY LATE FRIDAY NIGHT WITH THE HELP OF INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED FROM OAKLAND POLICE. OFFICERS SAY TORRENCE WAS THE SUSPECTED GET-AWAY DRIVER. THIS WAS THE DRIVE-BY SHOOTING OF LITTLE CARLOS NAVA LAST WEEK. POLICE SAY TORRENCE HAS GANG TIES AND IS ON PAROLE. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE TWO RIVAL GANG MEMBERS WERE THE TARGETS IN THAT SHOOTING -- INSTEAD THE THREE YEAR OLD WAS HIT AND KILLED. 26 YEAR OLD LAWRENCE DENARD, THE SUSPECTED GUNMAN, HAS ALREADY BEEN CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING. TODAY, OAKLAND'S ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF SAYS THE DEPARTMENT'S BIGGEST BREAK IN THIS CASE CAME FROM THE PUBLIC. TONIGHT, CARLOS NAVA'S FAMILY WILL GATHER FOR A ROSARY IN HIS MEMORY, AT AN OAKLAND MORTUARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... THREE MEN -- INCLUDING A FATHER AND SON -- ARE BEHIND BARS IN A GANG-RELATED COLD-CASE MURDER THAT HAPPENED 7 YEARS AGO IN MOUNTAIN VIEW. 23-YEAR OLD ANTHONY FIGUEROA AND HIS FATHER, ARTHUR, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING THAT KILLED A 17-YEAR OLD LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. THE F-B-I SAYS ANTHONY WAS DRIVING THE CAR ON THAT SEPTEMBER NIGHT, AND HE'S CHARGED WITH MURDER. HIS FATHER IS ACCUSED OF LYING TO A GRAND JURY WHICH WAS INVESTIGATING THE CASE. ACCUSED GUNMAN IS 24-YEAR OLD GIOVANNI DUARTE, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN MARCH. SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S *VIOLENT GANG TASK FORCE* SAYS THREE OTHERS WERE IN THE CAR, AND INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO IDENTIFY THEM.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... IN A YEAR WHERE VIOLENT CRIMES ARE 'DECLINING' ACROSS THE NATION... CRIMES AGAINST THE GAY COMMUNITY APPEAR TO BE ON THE 'RISE'. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL COALITION OF ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAMS. THE REPORT SHOWS THAT HATE INCIDENTS AGAINST THE L-G-B-T COMMUNITY INCREASED 13-PERCENT

NATIONWIDE. SAN FRANCISCO SAW A 65-PERCENT INCREASE. MURDERS OF L-G-B-T PEOPLE NUMBERED 27... THE SECOND HIGHEST TOTAL ON RECORD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... SOON YOU'LL BE HEARING A LOT MORE LIVE MUSIC IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GAVE INTIAL APPROVAL TO CREATE A NEW, LESS EXPENSIVE PERMIT THAT WOULD ALLOW CAFES AND RESTAURANTS TO HOST LIVE MUSIC. OFFICIALS SAY ABOUT 700 CAFES AND RESTUARANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PERMIT. PERFORMANCES WOULD HAVE TO END BY 10 P.M., BUT AFTER A YEAR, THAT CURFEW WOULD BE BUMPED UP TO 11 P.M.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... WATER SO SALTY IT FLOWS LIKE SYRUP-- NASA SCIENTISTS SAY THAT'S WHAT THEY **COULD** BE SEEING ON MARS. IN A LOOP OF PHOTOS OF STEEP SLOPES ON THE PLANET'S SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE, SEASONAL STREAKS SEEM TO APPEAR-- -- DARKEN-- AND DISAPPEAR-- JUST LEFT OF THE CENTER OF THE PHOTO. SOME OF THE "TRAILS" GROW HUNDREDS OF FEET OVER JUST TWO MONTHS. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY AT PASADENA'S *JET PROPULSION LAB*, EXCITED SCIENTISTS SAY THEY DON'T KNOW FOR SURE THE STREAKS ARE BRINY WATER-- BUT THEY DON'T HAVE A BETTER EXPLANATION-- AND THEY SAY THIS PUTS THEM EVEN CLOSER TO LEARNING WHETHER THE PLANET HARBORS ANY KIND OF LIFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... A DECISION BY WHOLE FOODS TO PROMOTE A NEW LINE OF FOODS FOR THE MUSLIM HOLIDAY OF RAMADAN IS GENERATING A BIT OF CONTROVERSY. PUBLISHED REPORTS SAY THE WHOLE FOODS IN THE HOUSTON REGION DECIDED TO PULL ALL RAMADAN PROMOTIONS BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM CRITICS. BUT WHOLE FOODS RELEASED A STATEMENT FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS, STATING IT *NEVER* ASKED THAT REGION TO DO SO ... AND IT HAS SINCE ADDRESSED AND CORRECTED THE PROBLEM. WHOLE FOODS SAYS IT'S VERY PLEASED TO PROMOTE RAMADAN FOODS, JUST LIKE OTHER HOLIDAYS, INCLUDING PASSOVER AND FOURTH OF JULY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... A TRANSGENDER WOMAN - WHO RECEIVED A HOSTILE LETTER FROM A D-M-V WORKER IN SAN FRANCISCO ... AFTER RECORDING HER SEX CHANGE ... IS GETTING COMPENSATED. THE LETTER STATED THAT HOMOSEXUAL ACTS WERE "AN ABOMINATION THAT LEADS TO HELL." 23-YEAR OLD AMBER YUST'S SETTLEMENT INCLUDES 40-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE STATE AND 15-THOUSAND FROM - THOMAS DEMARTINI -THE CLERK WHO SENT THE LETTER. HE WAS SUSPENDED WITH PAY BY THE D-M-V SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT ... AND THEN QUIT HIS JOB IN DECEMBER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/18/11 REPORTED... THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ANNOUCED A CHANGE TODAY IN IMMIGRATION POLICY THAT COULD DELAY OR REVERSE DEPORTATION FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS IT WILL DELAY DEPORTING UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AS YOUNG CHILDREN AND GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR SERVED IN THE MILITARY. THIS NEW POLICY MEANS THAT 300-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS WILL HAVE THEIR CASES REVIEWED. THE MOVE GOES AGAINST CONGRESS. CONGRESS HAS RESISTED PASSING THE "DREAM ACT", WHICH WOULD ALLOW CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS A CHANCE TO STAY IN THE U.S.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... A VICTORY FOR MARRIED SAME SEX COUPLES TODAY....THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT IS DROPPING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A VENEZUELAN MAN MARRIED TO HIS AMERICAN SAME SEX PARTNER. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGREED TO DROP THE CASE AGAINST FOREIGN BORN ALEX BENSHIMOL AND DOUGLAS GENTRY OF CATHEDRAL CITY. BENSHIMOL WAS FIGHTING TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY WITH HIS AMERICAN HUSBAND AFTER OVERSTAYING HIS VISA. THE CATHEDRAL CITY COUPLE WAS MARRIED LAST YEAR. THE DECISION COULD BE A HOPEFUL SIGN FOR THOUSANDS OF OTHER SAME-SEX BINATIONAL COUPLES FACING DEPORTATION.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... WE NOW KNOW THE *HOTEL WHERE MORE THAN 1-HUNDRED SAN JOSE STATE STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO MOVE TO MAKE ROOM FOR A LARGER-THAN-EXPECTED FRESHMAN CLASS. BEGINNING AUGUST 22ND, 103 S-J-S-U STUDENTS WILL TAKE UP RESIDENCE AT THE CLARION AIRPORT HOTEL IN SAN JOSE. WE'RE TOLD THE HOTEL IS EQUIPPED WITH WIRELESS INTERNET AND EXERCISE FACILITIES -- BUT NO CAFETERIA FOR STUDENTS. 4-THOUSAND FRESHMAN ARE EXPECTED TO FILL THE SCHOOL'S DORMS... NEARLY 13-HUNDRED MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S INCOMING CLASS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... FOUR YEARS AFTER THE TERROR ON VIRGINIA TECH. THERE ANOTHER LOCKDOWN THERE TODAY AFTER THREE TEENAGERS REPORTED SEEING A MAN WITH A GUN. POLICE RUSHED TO THE CAMPUS THIS MORNING AND CONDUCTED AN INTENSE BUILDING-BY-BUILDING SEARCH, BUT NO GUNMAN WAS FOUND. THE LOCKDOWN LASTED MORE THAN FIVE HOURS AND WAS LIFTED JUST BEFORE NOON OUR TIME... VIRGINIA TECH POLICE RELEASED THIS SKETCH OF WHAT THE MAN MAY HAVE LOOKED LIKE. SUMMER CLASSES WERE CANCELED FOR THE DAY... AND VIRGINIA TECH USED ITS EMERGENCY MESSAGING SYSTEM TO URGE STUDENTS AND STAFF TO STAY INDOORS. JUST FOUR YEARS AGO, VIRGINIA TECH WAS THE SCENE OF A MASSACRE THAT LEFT 33 PEOPLE DEAD. IT REMAINS THE DEADLIEST SHOOTING BY A SINGLE GUNMAN IN U-S HISTORY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/8/11 REPORTED... SOON, THERE MAY BE A SPECIAL STATE CABINET POST THAT DEALS ONLY WITH ISSUES RELATING TO CHILDREN. A NUMBER OF STATE AGENCY LEADERS WOULD BE PART OF THE CABINET INCLUDING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE HEAD OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. BACKERS SAY THE CHILDREN'S CABINET IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER AS STATE BUDGET CUTS HAVE IMPACTED SOCIAL PROGRAMS INVOLVING KIDS AND ALSO EDUCATION. ONE STATE LEGISTOR SAYS CREATING A CHILDREN'S CABINET WILL COST LITTLE IF ANY MONEY AND COULD ACTUALLY SAVE THE STATE MONEY BY ELIMINATING DUPLICATION EFFORTS BY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. HE SAYS 20 OTHER STATES ALREADY HAVE A CHILDREN'S CABINET OR A SIMILAR AGENCY IN PLACE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... A SERIES of BURGLARIES AT PALO ALTO SCHOOLS IS FORCING POLICE TO RE-THINK SECURITY MEASURES. POLICE TELL US BURGLARS HIT DUVENECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUNDAY NIGHT. IT'S THE THIRD TIME THE SCHOOL'S BEEN BROKEN INTO SINCE JUNE. THIS TIME, WE'RE TOLD THE BANDITS TOOK FOUR DIGITAL CAMERAS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE SUSPECTS ENTERED THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE SAME BOARDED UP WINDOW THAT WAS SMASHED DURING AN EARLIER BURGLARY.

TODAY, POLICE OFFICIALS SAY INSTALLING LARGE-SCALE ALARM SYSTEMS IS AN EXPENSE MOST SCHOOL DISTRICTS CANNOT AFFORD RIGHT NOW... SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE TALKING ABOUT SETTING UP A LOCKED ROOM WHERE ALL OF ITS EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE STORED NIGHTLY.. PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL AND JORDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL HAVE ALSO BEEN HIT BY BURGLARS THIS SUMMER. JORDAN MIDDLE SUFFERED 23-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN LOSSES WHEN SOMEONE STOLE LAPTOPS, I-PADS AND I-PODS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... BACK TO SCHOOL -- AND BACK TO WORK. JUST WEEKS AFTER LAWMAKERS PASSED A STATE BUDGET-- THEY'RE BACK AT WORK TRYING TO FIX IT. THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE WERE BACK AT THEIR DESKS, AMID QUESTIONS ABOUT SAGGING TAX REVENUE, AND LESS MONEY COMING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THOSE TWO FACTORS ALONE ARE ALREADY TEARING HUGE HOLES IN THE BUDGET PASSED IN LATE JUNE. THE BUDGET HAS A BUILT-IN *TRIGGER* WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY LAUNCH DEEPER CUTS TO SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN DECEMBER-- IF CERTAIN TAX GOALS AREN'T MET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST A DECADE.... A MAJORITY OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL KIDS ARE PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH AND MATH. 20-11 STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS ARE IN TODAY SHOWING 54 PERCENT OF KIDS ARE PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH AND 50 PERCENT ARE PROFICIENT IN MATH. THAT'S UP FROM 35 PERCENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND MATH, BACK IN 2003. MORE STUDENTS ARE ALSO TAKING ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES. BUT THERE IS STILL AN ACHIEVEMENT GAP. LOW INCOME AND SOME MINORITY STUDENTS ARE STILL NOT PERFORMING AS WELL AS THEIR PEERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/18/11 REPORTED... EVEN THOUGH CLASSES DON'T BEGIN UNTIL NEXT WEEK -- CRIME-FIGHTING AROUND THE U-C BERKELEY CAMPUS -- IS BACK IN ACTION TONIGHT. THE U-C POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE TEAMING UP AGAIN TONIGHT TO CRACK DOWN ON VIOLENT CRIME IN BERKELEY'S SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD. NEIGHBORS, STUDENTS, AND CAMPUS OFFICIALS URGED BOTH POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO BRING BACK THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR A SECOND YEAR. BOTH CAMPUS AND CITY OFFICIALS AGREE - THE JOINT PATROLS CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE. THEY PLAN TO MONITOR OFF-CAMPUS PARTIES AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION THIS SCHOOL YEAR IN HOPES OF REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... YOU'VE HEARD IT TOO MANY TIMES BEFORE: FEWER COURSES-- AND HIGHER FEES-- AT CALIFORNIA PUBLIC COLLEGES. AS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CLASS, C-S-U AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE BRACING FOR MORE MID-YEAR REDUCTIONS IN STATE FUNDING. THE C-S-U SYSTEM ALREADY LOST 650-MILLION IN THE STATE BUDGET-- WHILE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM LOST 400-MILLION. BOTH SYSTEMS COULD LOSE UP TO 100-MILLION MORE-- IF STATE TAX REVENUE FALLS BELOW PROJECTIONS-- TRIGGERING AUTOMATIC EDUCATION CUTS. THOSE CUTS WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN FEWER COURSES, LARGER CLASSES AND INCREASED FEES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/29/11 REPORTED... TONIGHT - THE LEGAL BATTLE OVER CALIFORNIA'S SAME SEX MARRIAGE BAN IS BREWING HERE IN THE BAY AREA. BUT THIS TIME - -IT INVOLVES VIDEO. TODAY - JAMES WARE - A FEDERAL JUDGE IN SAN FRANCISCO ... HEARD ARGUMENTS ON WHETHER TO RELEASE VIDEOTAPES OF LAST YEAR'S PROP-8 TRIAL. ALLOWING THE FOOTAGE TO GO PUBLIC - IS A MOVE PROP-EIGHT BACKERS OPPOSE. HOWEVER -- ATTORNEYS FOR THE TWO SAME-SEX COUPLES WHO LAST YEAR SUED TO OVERTURN THE BAN ... AS WELL AS THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO... AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS... ARE TRYING TO GET THAT COURT

VIDEO RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR - THE HIGH COURT VOTED TO BLOCK CAMERAS FROM COVERING THE HIGH-PROFILE CASE ... BUT WARE'S PREDECESSOR - FORMER CHIEF JUDGE VAUGHN WALKER - ASKED TO KEEP SHOOTING THE PROCEEDINGS ... TO HELP FOR HIS OWN REVIEW OF THE CASE. JUDGE WARE PLANS TO ISSUE A WRITTEN OPINION ON WHETHER TO RELEASE THE VIDEOTAPES TO THE PUBLIC.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER DEATH AT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. 26- YEAR OLD HAYLEY LAFLAMME OF SAN RAMON SLIPPED WHILE CLIMBING HALF DOME OVER THE WEEKEND. AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY, BUT RAIN SEEMS TO BE A FACTOR. THIS IS THE FOURTEENTH DEATH IN THE PARK THIS YEAR, WHICH NORMALLY AVERAGES BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX DEATHS BY AUGUST. LAST MONTH THREE PEOPLE FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY WERE SWEEPED OVER THE EDGE AT VERNAL FALL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... RIGHT NOW CREWS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ARE CLEANING UP AFTER SEVERAL FIRES BROKE-OUT ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACKS IN OAKLEY. THERE WERE AT LEAST THREE FIRES IN THE AREA AROUND KNIGHTSEN AVENUE AND EDEN PLAINS ROAD. ONE OF THE FIRES BURNED ABOUT 5 ACRES. THE FIRES BROKE OUT AROUND TWO THIS AFTERNOON, FILLING THE SKY WITH BLACK SMOKE AND FLAMES. CAL FIRE SAYS AT LEAST ONE STRUCTURE WAS SEVERLY DAMAGED. FIRE CREWS ALONG WITH NEIGHBORS WERE ABLE TO GET THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL IN ABOUT AN HOUR. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRES IS STILL UNKNOWN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... IT WAS A HEROIC ACT -- BUT HE DIED IN THE PROCESS. TONIGHT -- A 31-YEAR OLD YOUTH-GROUP LEADER FROM PITTSBURG IS BEING REMEMBERED AFTER HE DROWNED -- TRYING TO SAVE TWO TEENAGERS. THE TEENAGERS -- AND THEIR COUNSELORS WERE AT SANDY BEACH PARK ABOUT A-MILE SOUTH OF THE RIO VISTA BRIDGE YESTERDAY. THE SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS INCOMING HIGH TIDE LIKELY TIRED-OUT THE TWO TEENAGE SWIMMERS. 31-YEAR OLD *SILVER JUBILATION TWAKALUA* [[twak-uh-LOO-ah]] JUMPED IN THE RIVER TO SAVE THEM -- BUT THE KIDS WERE ACTUALLY SAVED BY A NEARBY FIRE-FIGHTER AND A BOATER. THE FIREFIGHTER SAYS *TWAKALUA* SEEMED TO BE SWIMMING TOWARD THE DOCK-- BUT DISAPPEARED. HIS BODY WAS FOUND HOURS LATER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/8/11 REPORTED... THINGS ARE GETTING A LITTLE FISHY IN WEST OAKLAND...AND THAT'S A GOOD THING... FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA...THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS USING FISH BONE TO CLEAN LEAD POLLUTED SOIL. THE SOUTH PRESCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD OF WEST OAKLAND HAS SOME AREAS THAT ARE DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY TO CHILDREN. SO THE E-P-A WILL USE THE BONE MEAL, AS IT'S

CALLED...AND TILL it INTO THE SOIL, WHERE IT WILL COMBINE WITH THE LEAD CONTAMINATION AS IT DECAYS. *THAT* WILL CREATE HARMLESS CRYSTALS...AND ESSENTIALLY CLEAN THINGS UP... THE TECHNIQUE IS NEW IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, BUT HAS BEEN USED TO DECONTAMINATE MILITARY FIRING RANGES. THE E-P-A SAYS IT'S CHEAP AND EFFECTIVE...WITH THE ONLY DOWNSIDE BEING IT "MAY SMELL FISHY FOR A FEW DAYS."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/8/11 REPORTED... YOU MIGHT WANT TO DUCK NEXT TIME YOU LOOK UP AT THE SKY. A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS COMET COULD BE HEADED OUR WAY... ONE THAT WAS RECENTLY DISCOVERED BY A BAY AREA ASTRONOMER. OUR OWN BOB REDELL CAUGHT UP WITH HIM AT THE LICK OBSERVATORY HIGH ABOVE SAN JOSE. ASTRONOMERS POINT OUT THAT EVEN THOUGH THIS COMET IS CLASSIFIED AS "POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS", THE CHANCES OF IT STRIKING EARTH IS RARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... RADIOACTIVE SULFUR FROM JAPAN'S DISABLED FUKUSHIMA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. WAS DETECTED IN CALIFORNIA THIS SPRING, BUT EXPERTS SAY THERE WAS NO HEALTH THREAT. THE AMOUNT OF SULFUR WAS HIGHER THAN NORMAL -- BUT WAS STILL BARELY DETECTABLE. THE LEAD AUTHOR OF A STUDY DONE AT U.C. SAN DIEGO SAYS SCIENTISTS HAD TO USE HIGHLY SENSITIVE INSTRUMENTS TO BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE LEVELS AT ALL. THE SAMPLES WERE TAKEN IN LA JOLLA. THE FUKUSHIMA PLANT WAS DAMAGED IN A TSUNAMI ON MARCH 11. EXTREMELY LOW AMOUNTS OF RADIOACTIVE IODINE SHOWED UP IN U.S. MILK FOR A FEW WEEKS AFTERWARD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... THE INDIANA STATE FAIR REOPENED TODAY, AFTER HIGH WINDS BROUGHT DOWN A CONCERT STAGE OVER THE WEEKEND, KILLING 5 PEOPLE. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD TODAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED. THE GUST, ESTIMATED BETWEEN 60 AND 70 MILES AN HOUR, SENT A STAGE TOPPLING OVER AND OVERHEAD RIGGING CRASHING DOWN ON CONCERTGOERS. 40 OTHERS WERE HURT. THE FAIR CANCELLED ALL CONCERTS, BUT THE GROUNDS ARE NOW BACK OPEN. THE BAND SUGARLAND WAS SET TO PERFORM WHEN THE STAGE CAME CRASHING DOWN. THE BAND MEMBERS WERE NOT HURT. THE GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM AT SHORELINE LATER THIS MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... TONIGHT -- THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE PERSON WHO SHOT A SEA LION AT THE SANTA CRUZ WHARF. THE 320-POUND SEA LION-- NAMED "KING NEPTUNE"-- IS RECOVERING AT THE "MARINE MAMMAL CENTER" IN SAUSALITO. "KING NEPTUNE" WAS FOUND WEDNESDAY. HE HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE BACK WITH SOME SORT OF HIGH-CALIBER WEAPON. HE IS CURRENTLY ON ANTIBIOTICS. VETS ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC -- ABOUT HIS RECOVERY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/26/11 REPORTED... MILLIONS OF PEOPLE UP AND DOWN THE EAST COAST ARE BRACING FOR HURRICANE IRENE TONIGHT. RESCUE CREWS FROM THE RED CROSS IN CALIFORNIA ARE ALSO ON THE WAY. THE CATEGORY TWO STORM'S WIND AND RAIN ARE ALREADY BEING FELT ON THE OUTER BANKS OF NORTH CAROLINA. IN THE NORTH, MORE THAN TWO MILLION PEOPLE IN COASTAL AND LOW LYING AREAS WERE ORDERED TO EVACUATE RIGHT AWAY. HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE POSTED FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO NEW YORK...WITH WATCHES AND WARNINGS POSTED FOR NEW ENGLAND. NEW YORK ORDERED MORE THAN 300 THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN FLOOD PRONE AREAS TO LEAVE... PUBLIC TRANSIT INSIDE NEW YORK CITY IS SCHEDULED TO STOP SERVICE AT NOON TOMORROW.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE TRANSIT SYSTEM HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN DUE TO WEATHER. BROADWAY WILL ALSO SHUT DOWN ALL PLAYS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... THE STATE LEGISLATURE WILL BE BACK FROM SUMMER RECESS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, BUT ACCORDING TO A NEW POLL, MOST CALIFORNIANS WOULD PREFER THEY STAY ON SUMMER BREAK A LITTLE LONGER. THE POLL SAYS SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS WOULD PREFER HAVING A PART TIME LEGISLATURE. SOME HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR A PART TIME LEGISLATURE FOR YEARS. THEY WANT TO SEE MORE CITIZEN LEGISLATORS, NOT CAREER POLITICIANS. AND THEY BELIEVE LAWMAKERS ARE PAID TOO MUCH, AND DO TOO LITTLE. CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF STATES IN WHICH LAWMAKERS MEET YEAR-ROUND. THE LEGISLATURE SWITCHED FROM PART TIME TO FULL TIME IN THE 1960'S, AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO REDUCE CORRUPTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... A STATE LEGISLATOR WANTS TO CHANGE CALIFORNIA'S PAROLE LAWS... TO PREVENT ANOTHER KIDNAPPING CASE LIKE JAYCEE DUGARD. SENATOR TED GAINES ANNOUNCED TODAY HE'LL INTRODUCE A BILL THAT WOULD UNDO A CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT RULING THAT REQUIRES THE PAROLE BOARD TO CONSIDER MORE THAN THE ORIGINAL CRIME. SENATOR GAINES SAYS TOO MUCH ATTENTION IS PAID TO MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS... SOMETHING THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR DUGARD'S KIDNAPPER TO BE RELEASED EARLY. EL DORADO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY VERN PIERSON SAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT FAILED JAYCEE DUGARD... BY FAILING TO SEE THROUGH PHILIP GARRIDO'S ACT. PIERSON AND SENATOR GAINES HOPE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WILL LEARN FROM PHILLIP GARRIDO AND RECONSIDER HOW LENIENT THEY'VE BECOME WITH PAROLEES IN RECENT YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... THREE CITIES ON THE PENINSULA ARE TRYING TO UPGRADE THEIR 911 CALL CENTERS WITH THE HELP OF A BAY AREA CONGRESSWOMAN. PALO ALTO, MOUNTAIN VIEW AND LOS ALTOS ARE LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT NEXT GENERATION 911 SYSTEMS. THIS IS TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD ALLOW EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTERS TO ACCEPT PHOTOS, VIDEOS AND TEXT MESSAGES. PALO ALTO CONGRESSWOMAN ANNA ESHOO CO-AUTHORED A BILL THAT COULD PROVIDE 250 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. ESHOO INTRODUCED A SIMILAR BILL LAST YEAR, BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT OF COMMITTEE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... THERE IS AN EFFORT UNDERWAY TO REPEAL THE STATE'S NEW FIRE PREVENTION FEE. THE LAW CHARGES HOMEOWNERS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE STATE SERVICED BY CAL FIRE AS MUCH AS 150 DOLLARS A YEAR FOR STATE FIRE PREVENTION. OPPONENTS SAY IT'S AN ILLEGAL TAX. THEY SAY RESIDENTS ALREADY PAY STATE AND LOCAL TAXES AND NOW THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO TAX THEM AGAIN FOR SERVICES THEY HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR. BACKERS OF THE REFERENDUM MUST COLLECT 505-THOUSAND

SIGNATURES FROM REGISTERED VOTERS BY OCTOBER SIXTH IN ORDER TO MAKE IT ON THE JUNE 2012 BALLOT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... THE PHRASE, *SUPPORT THE TROOPS* IS MORE THAN A BUMPER-STICKER IN SAN JOSE. THE CITY COUNCIL IS BACKING IT UP WITH SOME CASH--- OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF A CITY AUDITOR. THE COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO KEEP PAYING PARTIAL SALARIES TO CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CALLED-UP WITH THE MILITARY RESERVES -- REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG THEY'RE GONE. THE AUDITOR, CITING SAN JOSE'S BUDGET GAP RECOMMENDED PUTTING A CAP ON HOW LONG THE PAY-OUTS CAN CONTINUE-- ACCORDING TO THE MERCURY NEWS. SINCE 2007 THE CITY HAS PAID THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT RESERVISTS EARN AND THE MONEY THEY'D BE MAKING ON THEIR CITY JOBS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... MORE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF BUDGET CUTS: DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN OAKLAND -- TRYING TO GET BUSINESS DONE AT CITY BUILDINGS -- WERE TURNED AWAY TODAY. SIGNS POSTED ON THE BUILDINGS GREETED THEM, WITH THE REMINDER THAT THIS WAS A BUDGET CLOSURE DAY. IT'S PART OF AN AGREEMENT BY CITY EMPLOYEE LABOR UNIONS TO HELP BALANCE OAKLAND'S BUDGET, WHICH IS 58 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE RED. WE SAW SEVERAL PEOPLE GO UP TO BUILDINGS, INCLUDING CITY LIBRARIES ONLY TO DISCOVER THE DOORS WERE LOCKED. MANY SAID WHILE THEY UNDERSTOOD THE POINT OF THE CLOSURES, BUT FOUND IT INCONVENIENT. THE NEXT BUSINESS CLOSURE DAY WILL BE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH. CITY POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE NOT AFFECTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/18/11 REPORTED... THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT YOU IN TIMES OF NEED. BUT CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS IS GOING AFTER ATTORNEYS, WHO SHE SAYS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF STRUGGLING HOMEOWNERS. HARRIS SAYS HER "MORTGAGE FRAUD STRIKE FORCE" IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING A MONEY TRAIL CONNECTING 25-HUNDRED HOMEOWNERS TO HIGH-PRICED LAWYERS. THE STATE IS SUING THREE LAW FIRMS, FOUR LAWYERS AND 14 OTHER COMPANIES THAT ALLEGEDLY CHARGED UP TO 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FEES TO HELP HOMEOWNERS GET OUT OF FORECLOSURE. HARRIS SAYS IT'S A SERVICE THEY NEVER PROVIDED. THE INVESTIGATION FOCUSES ON THE LAW FIRM "KRAMER AND KASLOW" NEAR LOS ANGELES. THE STATE ALLEGES THE DEFENDANTS ALSO CONTACTED HOMEOWNERS IN 16 OTHER STATES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/31/11 REPORTED... AS WE MENTIONED -- PRESIDENT OBAMA TOURED THE SYLNDRAL FACILITY LAST YEAR. COINCIDENTALLY -- THE WHITE CONFIRMING TODAY -- THAT MR. OBAMA WILL BE BACK IN THE BAY AREA NEXT MONTH. THIS WILL BE HIS THIRD TRIP HERE THIS YEAR ALONE. IN FEBRUARY, THE PRESIDENT ATTENDED AN EXCLUSIVE DINNER WITH THE TOP C-E-O'S OF SILICON VALLEY. ZUCKERBERG, ELLISON AND JOBS...WERE AMONG THE INTIMATE GATHERING. THEN IN APRIL, HE HELD SEVERAL FUNDRAISERS AND A TOWN HALL MEETING AT FACEBOOK HEADQUARTERS IN PALO ALTO. THIS TIME AROUND -- HE'LL BE HERE ON SEPTEMBER 25TH, FOLLOWED BY TRIP TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED ANY SPECIFIC EVENTS.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... IN EXACTLY ONE YEAR, BIRTH CONTROL WILL BE VIRTUALLY FREE TO MANY WOMEN. IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF NEW GUIDELINES ISSUED TODAY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO COVER ALL F-D-A

APPROVED CONTRACEPTIVES FOR NEW PLANS... WITHOUT A CO-PAY. THIS INCLUDES THE PILL, I-U-D'S, AND THE "MORNING AFTER PILL."
WOMEN WITH HEALTH COVERAGE WILL ALSO BE ENTITLED TO AN ANNUAL PHYSICAL, H-P-V SCREENING, BREAST PUMPS AND COUNSELING ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
THE GUIDELINES ALSO INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT ALLOWS RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS TO OPT OUT OF BIRTH CONTROL COVERAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... FOOD GIANT, CARGILL, TONIGHT IS VOLUNTARILY RECALLING 36-MILLION POUNDS OF GROUND TURKEY, LINKED TO A SALMONELLA DEATH IN SACRAMENTO AND 76 OTHER CASES OF ILLNESS. WHILE THE OUTBREAK BEGAN BACK IN MARCH, IT TOOK UNTIL TODAY TO PIN-DOWN THE CAUSE, AND CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS APPARENTLY PLAYED A ROLE IN THAT-- LINKING THE SEVEN CASES HERE TO GROUND TURKEY. THE U-S-D-A SAYS ALL THE MEAT CAME FROM A CARGILL PLANT IN ARKANSAS. COMPLICATING THE ISSUE IS THAT THE *HEIDELBERG* STRAIN OF SALMONELLA IN THE TURKEY APPEARS TO BE RESISTANT TO COMMONLY-USED ANTIBIOTICS. OF 58 PATIENTS WHO REPORTED THEIR ILLNESSES, 22 WERE HOSPITALIZED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... HUNDREDS OF WOMEN GATHERED IN DOWNTOWN OAKLAND TODAY... TO PROMOTE BREASTFEEDING. MOTHERS AND CHILDREN MARCHED THROUGH DOWNTOWN AND HELPED EDUCATE OTHERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAST MILK FOR INFANTS. MANY MOTHERS BREASTFEED THEIR BABIES WHEN THEY LEAVE THE HOSPITAL... BUT STOP WHEN THEY RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE. HEALTH ADVOCATES SAY... THERE ARE A LOT OF HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN WHO BREASTFEED. HEALTH OFFICIALS ALSO SAY BREAST MILK CONTAINS ANTIBODIES THAT HELP BUILD UP BABIES' IMMUNE SYSTEMS. THIS MONTH IS BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH IN CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... CITIES ACROSS THE BAY AREA NOW ARE GETTING A HELPING HAND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST OBESITY. KAISER PERMANENTE IS GIVING ONE-MILLION DOLLAR GRANTS TO LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES IN RICHMOND, CONCORD AND SAN FRANCISCO. THE GRANTS ARE PART OF KAISER'S THREE-YEAR PLAN TO BRING TOGETHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE HEALTHIER LIVING. FUNDING WILL BE SPENT ON ESTABLISHING WELLNESS COMMITTEES IN SCHOOLS. AND DEVELOPING PROGRAMS ON NUTRITION, EXERCISE AND COOKING. SANTA ROSA, FRESNO, MODESTO AND SACRAMENTO ARE ALSO RECEIVING GRANTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... TOPPING OUR HEALTH WATCH. IN A SMALL STUDY, PREGNANT WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA SHOWED THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF BANNED CHEMICALS ONCE FOUND IN FLAME RETARDANTS. THE UCSF STUDY ALSO FOUND A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THYROID HORMONE DISRUPTION IN THE WOMEN AND EXPOSURE TO CHEMICALS KNOWN AS PBDE'S. THYROID DISRUPTION IS DANGEROUS TO BRAIN DEVELOPMENT. THE CHEMICALS CAN STILL BE FOUND IN THE FOOD CHAIN AND ON OLD FURNITURE AND CUSHIONS. MANY PBDE'S WERE BANNED IN 2004. A BIGGER STUDY IS PLANNED. RESEARCHERS SAY THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE THYROID INDICATES A NEED FOR MORE STUDY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... A SHOT IN THE ARM TODAY TO STATE EFFORTS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF HIV AND HEPATITIS. SAN FRANCISCO SENATOR LELAND YEE AUTHORED A BILL THAT ALLOWS PHARMACIES TO SELL CLEAN SYRINGES TO ANY ADULT, WHETHER THEY HAVE A PRESCRIPTION OR NOT. IF PASSED, CALIFORNIA WILL JOIN 47 OTHER STATES THAT NO LONGER CRIMINALIZE ACCESS TO STERILE SYRINGES. OTHERWISE, HEALTH EXPERTS SAY DRUG USERS SHARE NEEDLES, AND AT THE SAME TIME, SPREAD SEVERAL BLOOD-BORNE DISEASES. THE BILL NOW HEADS TO THE SENATE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/22/11 REPORTED... A SHORTAGE OF CANCER DRUGS HAS DOCTORS SCRAMBLING TO FIND MORE. CHEMOTHERAPY DRUGS LIKE "TAXOL" ARE IN DANGEROUSLY SHORT SUPPLY. IN THE MEANTIME, ONCOLOGISTS ARE HAVING TO SUBSTITUTE SIMILAR DRUGS FOR THE MORE POPULAR ONES. THE SHORTAGE IS DUE TO HIGHER DEMAND AND MANUFACTURING DELAYS. SOME DOCTORS BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE MANY CANCER DRUGS ARE NOW GENERIC -- AND THEREFORE LESS PROFITABLE -- MANUFACTURERS AREN'T PRODUCING AS MUCH AS BEFORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/31/11 REPORTED... A NEW STUDY TONIGHT... SHOWS TEENAGERS ARE DRINKING AN UNHEALTHY AMOUNT OF SUGARY DRINKS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RESEARCH SUGGESTS THAT TEENAGE BOYS DRINK THE MOST SUGAR-FILLED DRINKS. IN FACT - THE AVERAGE TEENAGE BOY CONSUMES ABOUT TWO CANS PER DAY. THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS NO MORE THAN FOUR CANS PER *WEEK. SWEETENED DRINKS ARE LINKED TO A SURGE IN OBESITY AND HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING PEOPLE TO CUT BACK.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/1/11 REPORTED... THE LAWYER FOR TWO U-C BERKELEY GRADS JAILED IN IRAN ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE -- SAYS THE COURT WILL ANNOUNCE ITS VERDICT WITHIN A WEEK. THE ANNOUNCEMENT DASHED HOPES FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AFTER A FINAL HEARING WAS HELD ON YESTERDAY. AN IRANIAN TV STATION SHOWED FOOTAGE, BELIEVED TO BE FROM YESTERDAY'S HEARING OF SHANE BAUER AND JOSH FATTAL IN COURT. BOTH MEN HAVE BEEN HELD IN AN IRANIAN PRISON FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. THEY'RE ACCUSED TO ILLEGALLY ENETRIRNG IRAN -- WHILE HIKING IN IRAQ. THE TWO CLAIMED THAT THEY ACCIDENTALLY WANDERED ACROSS THE UNMARKED BORDER. A THIRD HIKER.. SARAH SHOURD.. WAS RELEASED EARLIER BECAUSE OF HEALTH CONCERNS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/2/11 REPORTED... FLAGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL FLEW AT HALF-STAFF TODAY... TO HONOR A BAY AREA SOLDIER KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN THIS WEEK. SERGEANT WILLIAM GROSS PANI-AGUA OF DALY CITY DIED SUNDAY... WHEN A BOMB EXPLODED NEAR HIS VEHICLE IN NORTHEASTERN AFGHANISTAN. TODAY... GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN EXPRESSED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. GROSS-PANIAGUA RECEIVED SEVERAL AWARDS DURING HIS CAREER WITH THE ARMY... AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED TO SERGEANT. THIS WAS HIS SECOND DEPLOYMENT OVERSEAS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/3/11 REPORTED... HOW DO YOU KNOW THE MONEY YOU GET FROM THE BANK IS REAL? ONE SAN DIEGO WOMAN FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY. CATHY DEARY HAD NO IDEA THE MONEY SHE HAD WAS FAKE. SHE PAID HER TAXI CAB DRIVER WITH A HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL. THE DRIVER DROPPED HER OFF AND WENT TO GET GAS. IT WAS WHEN HE PAID THE ATTENDANT WITH THE BILL, THAT THE COPS WERE CALLED. SPOTTING A PHONY 100- DOLLAR BILL SHOULD BE EASY IF YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR. IF YOU WERE TO PICK IT UP THE VERY FIRST THING YOU WOULD FEEL IS THE PAPER AND KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT. THERE ARE

ALSO SECURITY FIBERS, WATER MARKS, MICRO PRINTING AND SECURITY THREAD IN THE MONEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... A SENIOR IRANIAN DIPLOMAT SAYS THE TWO U-C BERKELEY HIKERS HELD CAPTIVE IN IRAN WILL BE RELEASED VERY SOON. IRAN'S AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN JOSH FATTAL AND SHANE BAUER WILL BE LET GO, BUT THERE IS A GENERAL FEELING THAT THEY WILL BE FREED DURING RAMADAN. RAMADAN IS THE ISLAMIC HOLY MONTH -- WHICH IS HAPPENING NOW BAUER, FATTAL AND SARAH SHOULD WERE CAPTURED IN IRAN IN 2009 -- FOR ILLEGALLY CROSSING INTO THE COUNTRY.. SHOULD WAS RELEASED LAST SEPTEMBER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/4/11 REPORTED... FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE NATION CONTINUE TO MOURN THE LOSS OF THIRTY U-S SERVICE MEMBERS - KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN. THAT NUMBER INCLUDES TWO BAY AREA MILITARY MEN. THEIR HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN WHILE ANSWERING A CALL FOR HELP FROM A UNIT ON THE GROUND. AMONG THE 22 ELITE NAVY SEALS THAT LOST THEIR LIVES...WAS 29 YEAR OLD DEREK BENSON FROM NAPA COUNTY. HE IS SEEN HERE IN 2003 ON THE ANGWIN REPORTER'S WEBSITE WITH HIS DAD AND GRANDFATHER AFTER GRADUATING FROM TRAINING WITH THE SEALS. BENSON GREW UP IN ANGWIN AND SERVED IN THE NAVY FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KARA, AND THEIR THREE YEAR OLD SON. MEANWHILE, ANOTHER NAVY SEAL KILLED, KEVIN HOUSTON, HAD STRONG FAMILY TIES TO THE BAY AREA. HOUSTON'S FATHER AND RELATIVES LIVE IN SAN JOSE. HIS FAMILY SAYS HOUSTON KNEW HE WANTED TO BE A SEAL SINCE HE WAS IN THE 5TH GRADE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. TODAY, PRESIDENT OBAMA TOOK TIME TO REMEMBER THEM ALL... THE REMAINS OF THOSE KILLED ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT THE AIR FORCE BASE IN DOVER, DELAWARE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... TONIGHT THE MILITARY SAYS AN AIRSTRIKE BY INTERNATIONAL FORCES HAS KILLED THE TALIBAN INSURGENTS WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOOTING DOWN A U-S HELICOPTER, KILLING 30 U-S SPECIAL FORCES. GENERAL JOHN ALLEN SAYS F-16 FIGHTER JETS KILLED THE INSURGENTS ON MONDAY. THE GENERAL SAYS THEY DID NOT ULTIMATELY KILL THE TALIBAN LEADER THEY WERE LOOKING FOR, BUT SAYS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE HIM. KEVIN HOUSTON, DEREK BENSON AND JESSE PITTMAN, THREE MEN WITH TIES TO THE BAY AREA... WERE AMONG THE U-S SPECIAL FORCES KILLED IN THE INSURGENT ATTACK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/10/11 REPORTED... REPUBLICANS ARE CRITICIZING THE RELEASE DATE OF A NEW MOVIE ABOUT THE DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN. SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, JUST IN TIME TO GIVE PRESIDENT OBAMA A MAJOR BOOST. REPUBLICANS ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING HIGH LEVEL PENTAGON ACCESS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE FILMMAKERS. WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JAY CARNEY SAYS THE WHITE HOUSE DID NOT DISCLOSE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIN LADEN

OPERATION TO FILMMAKERS. THE MOVIE IS SET TO BE RELEASED OCTOBER 12TH, NEXT YEAR. THE ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 6TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/15/11 REPORTED... THERE ARE FAR MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING OF A U-S CITIZEN LIVING IN PAKISTAN. THERE'S BEEN NO RANSOM DEMAND AND NO CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY. WARREN WEINSTEIN IS THE MISSING AMERICAN. HE'S A 70-YEAR-OLD DEVELOPMENT EXPERT WHO WORKED IN PAKISTAN FOR AN AMERICAN COMPANY. HE WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN HOME TODAY AFTER SPENDING SEVEN YEARS THERE. OFFICIALS IN PAKISTAN SAY EIGHT ARMED MEN STORMED WEINSTEIN'S HOME EARLY SATURDAY MORNING -- THEY TIED AND GAGGED GUARDS BEFORE TAKING THE MAN HOSTAGE. THERE'S ALSO EVIDENCE OF A STRUGGLE... THE GUARDS WHO CLAIM THEY WERE OVERTAKEN BY GUNMEN, ARE NOW BEING INTERROGATED BY PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES AND THE F-B-I. WE'RE ALSO LEARNING SECURITY CAMERAS MOUNTED ONTO THE BUILDING HAD BEEN CUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 8/30/11 REPORTED... A KEY BILL -- AIMED AT HELPING STUDENTS WHO SUFFERING EPILEPTIC SEIZURES -- IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING LAW IN CALIFORNIA. THE ASSEMBLY PASSED A BILL TODAY, WHICH ALLOWS PEOPLE OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL NURSE TO GIVE ANTI-SEIZURE MEDICATION TO EPILEPTIC STUDENTS. OPPONENTS OF THE BILL SAYS IT'S BETTER TO FIND A WAY TO FUND NURSES IN SCHOOLS. WHILE SUPPORTERS ADMIT IT'S NOT A PERFECT BILL, THEY SAY IT COULD SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHO VOLUNTEER TO ADMINISTER THE DRUG WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE TRAINING FIRST. THE BILL RETURNS TO THE SENATE FOR A VOTE, AND THEN HEADS TO GOVERNOR BROWN'S DESK.

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... IT'S THE END OF AN ERA FOR A FAMILY RUN CONCESSION IN GOLDEN GATE PARK. THE STOW LAKE FOOD AND BOAT BUSINESS WILL BE CLOSED AFTER TODAY. THE POPULAR CONCESSION HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP FOR ALMOST 70 YEARS. THE OWNERS ARE CLEARING OUT TO MAKE WAY FOR A NEW CONCESSIONAIRE TODAY'S CLOSURE CAPS A CONTENTIOUS FIGHT THAT INVOLVED LAWYERS, LOBBYISTS, PROTESTS AND PETITIONS. THE PARK AND RECS DEPARTMENT PUT THE LEASE UP FOR

BID IN AN EFFORT TO BOOST REVENUE IN THE PARK. THE NEW VENDORS ARE SET TO MOVE IN BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA SPENT HIS LABOR DAY IN A CITY WITH ONE OF THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE NATION... PREVIEWING HIS JOBS PLAN. DETROIT GOT A PREVIEW OF THE PLAN TODAY.... WHICH THE NATION WILL HEAR ON THURSDAY. BUT THE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC APPROVAL ON HIS HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW OF 26-PERCENT. THE PRESIDENT'S JOB CREATION PLAN IS TO GET THE ECONOMY MOVING BY GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK BY REBUILDING SOME OF THE NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE ROADS AND BRIDGES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRESIDENT ISSUED A WARNING TO THE G-O-P THAT HE WOULD HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE IF THEY FAIL TO GET ON BOARD. THE G-O-P IS SKEPTICAL... AND EVEN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS IS CONCERNED THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT GET THE FUNDING HE NEEDS FOR THE PLAN TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK TO THE NATION ON THURSDAY AT 4PM. YOU CAN WATCH HIS ADDRESS "LIVE", RIGHT HERE ON NBC BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... FIRST -- SHE WAS FIRED AS CEO. NOW -- CAROL BARTZ IS ALSO STEPPING AWAY FROM YAHOO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS . A COMPANY SPOKESPERSON SAYS BARTZ RESIGNED FROM THE INTERNET GIANT'S 'BOARD OF DIRECTORS' JUST DAYS AFTER HER OUSTER "BY" THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT BARTZ, SHORTLY AFTER BEING FIRED, CRITICIZED THE YAHOO BOARD IN AN INTERVIEW WITH FORTUNE MAGAZINE. SHARES OF YAHOO STOCK FELL ABOUT ONE AND A HALF PERCENT TODAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... A FOLLOW-UP ON A STORY WE BROUGHT TO YOU FIRST. THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL CONTINUES FOR FORMER FREMONT SOLAR GIANT - SOLYNDRA. BANKRUPTCY, AN F-B-I RAID AND NOW A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING. THE HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON HELD BY A HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE SUB-COMMITTEE. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GAVE SOLYNDRA A 535-MILLION DOLLAR LOAN FOR EXPANSION PURPOSES. SOLYNDRA FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY LAST WEEK. THE SACRAMENTO BEE IS REPORTING THAT AT A MEETING LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AGO... SOLYNDRA EXECUTIVES CLAIMED THAT THE COMPANY'S REVENUES WERE GROWING. BUT AN ENERGY DEPARTMENT LOAN OFFICER FOUND THE COMPANY WAS ALSO PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SHOWING DECREASED REVENUES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... THEY'RE CALLED *BOOMERANG KIDS.* AND THE RECESSION IS APPARENTLY SPAWNING MORE OF THEM. LAST YEAR'S CENSUS FOUND NEARLY SIX-MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE MOVED BACK IN WITH MOM AND DAD AFTER GOING TO COLLEGE -- APPARENTLY BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T FIND WORK. IT'S A TREND THAT FURTHER DRAGS DOWN THE ECONOMY, BECAUSE *THEY* AREN'T BUYING HOMES. AND TONIGHT, A STARTLING STATISTIC ABOUT THE POVERTY RATE IN THIS COUNTRY. 22 PERCENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN ARE REPORTEDLY LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. THAT'S UP FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. ANOTHER SIDE EFFECT OF UNEMPLOYMENT -- 50 MILLION PEOPLE HAD NO HEALTH INSURANCE-- A RECORD HIGH. THE MIDDLE CLASS IS HURTING TOO. AFTER INFLATION, THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FELL TWO-POINT-THREE PERCENT TO JUST MORE THAN 49-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT'S THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1996.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... THERE WAS TOO MUCH HEAT IN THE KITCHEN OF A NAPA COUNTY RESTAURANT OWNED BY WORLD-RENOWNED CHEF THOMAS KELLER. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE BOUCHON BAKERY IN YOUNTVILLE DURING AN EARLY MORNING FIRE. THREE EMPLOYEES WHO WERE INSIDE

THE BUILDING AT THE TIME MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITHOUT INJURY. INVESTIGATORS IN NAPA COUNTY SAY FIRE CREWS RESPONDED TO THE BLAZE SHORTLY AFTER 5-20 THIS MORNING. THE BAKERY IS LOCATED NEAR HIGHWAY 29. CHEF KELLER ALSO OWNS THREE OTHER EATERIES, INCLUDING THE FAMED 'FRENCH LAUNDRY' RESTAURANT IN YOUNTVILLE. WE'RE TOLD THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM. BOUCHON BAKERY WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR REPAIRS. DAMAGE TO THE RESTAURANT IS ESTIMATED AT 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... NEW DEVELOPMENTS TONIGHT ON A STORY, FIRST BROUGHT TO YOU BY NBC BAY AREA. THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO FREMONT'S FAILED SOLYNDRA SOLAR COMPANY IS WIDENING. TODAY, THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTOR GENERAL BEGAN A REVIEW OF THE HALF-BILLION DOLLAR, LOW-INTEREST GOVERNMENT LOAN WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO SOLYNDRA. ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, DAYS AFTER SOLYNDRA DECLARED BANKRUPTCY, THE F-B-I SERVED SEARCH WARRANTS AT THE COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS. AND YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON, SOLYNDRA EXECUTIVES WERE QUESTIONED BY A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVESTIGATING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/21/11 REPORTED... IT'S A BIG WALK-OUT. 'THOUSANDS' OF NURSES WILL WALK OFF THE JOB TOMORROW, IN WHAT COULD BE THE STATE'S BIGGEST, ONE DAY NURSES STRIKE EVER. HERE IN THE BAY AREA, THAT INCLUDES NURSES AT MORE THAN TWO DOZEN HOSPITALS -- INCLUDING MOST OF THE KAISER HOSPITALS AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN OAKLAND. NURSES SAY SUTTER HEALTH IS ASKING FOR UNREALISTIC DEMANDS -- AND SALARY -- ISN'T THE ONLY ISSUE. ACCORDING TO THE NURSES UNION, THE DISPUTE INVOLVES 200 PROPOSED CUTS...THINGS LIKE REDUCING HEALTH INSURANCE, PATIENT SERVICES, MATERNITY LEAVE, AND THE RIGHT TO ADVOCATE FOR PATIENTS. A STATEMENT FROM SUTTER HEALTH SAYS THE NURSES ARE WELL COMPENSATED AND CALL THE STRIKE COSTLY AND UNNECESSARY. REPLACEMENT NURSES WILL BE CALLED-IN TO PROVIDE CARE BEGINNING TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/23/11 REPORTED... THE ONE-DAY STRIKE BY 23-THOUSAND REGISTERED NURSES IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA YESTERDAY IS BECOMING A LONGER DEMONSTRATION THAN EXPECTED. REGISTERED NURSES WORKING AT ALL 'SUTTER HEALTH' FACILITIES AND 'CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OAKLAND' WON'T BE ALLOWED BACK ON THE JOB UNTIL A FIVE-DAY CONTRACT WITH REPLACEMENT WORKERS EXPIRES. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE 'CALIFORNIA NURSES ASSOCIATION' SAYS THE HOSPITALS ARE PUNISHING THE NURSES WHO TOOK PART IN YESTERDAY'S STRIKE. HOSPITAL OFFICIALS DENY THE ACCUSATION, AND SAY THEY HAD TO SIGN A 5-DAY CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT NURSES, EVEN THOUGH THEY ONLY NEEDED THEM TO COVER THE ONE DAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/27/11 REPORTED...THE COMPANY THAT POWERS THE MOST POPULAR SEARCH ENGINE IN THE WORLD IS GOING TO HELP MORE PEOPLE POWER THEIR HOMES WITH SOLAR ENERGY. MOUNTAIN VIEW-BASED GOOGLE IS ANNOUNCING A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW SMALL, SOLAR-PANEL INSTALLERS TO OFFER FINANCING TO THREE-THOUSAND HOMEOWNERS ACROSS THE U-S. GOOGLE'S INVESTMENT OF 75-MILLION DOLLARS WOULD MEAN THE SEARCH

GIANT WOULD OWN THE PANELS AND CHARGE A MONTHLY FEE FROM USERS AS WELL AS COLLECT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES. THE GOOGLE FUND IS THE SECOND AND SMALLER OF TWO SUCH FUNDS BEING MANAGED BY SAN FRANCISCO COMPANY "CLEAN POWER FINANCE."

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... THE ANNUAL BURNING MAN FESTIVAL IN THE NORTHERN NEVADA DESERT DREW A RECORD CROWD OF NEARLY 54-THOUSAND PEOPLE. THAT'S 4-THOUSAND MORE THAN PERMITTED. AND NOW THE U-S BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. THE B-L-M LIMITS THE CROWD SIZE AT THE FESTIVAL TO 50-THOUSAND PEOPLE, BUT A PEAK CROWD OF JUST UNDER 54-THOUSAND WAS REPORTED LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE FESTIVAL WAS SOLD OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER AND A B-L-M SPOKESWOMAN SAYS SHE BELIEVES ORGANIZERS SOLD OVER 50-THOUSAND TICKETS ... ASSUMING NOT EVERYONE WOULD SHOW-UP. THE AGENCY IMPOSES LIMITS ON THE CROWD SIZE IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE SPRAWLING DESERT'S ENVIRONMENT. NO MAJOR PROBLEMS OCCURRED DURING THE GATHERING, BUT ONE PARTICIPANT DIED OF UNKNOWN NATURAL CAUSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... SELF CHECK-OUT -- NOT SO FAST. BUYING ALCOHOL AT THE GROCERY STORE COULD GET A BIT LESS CONVENIENT... BECAUSE OF A BILL JUST PASSED BY THE STATE ASSEMBLY. THE BILL BANS THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AT SELF-CHECKOUT STANDS IN GROCERY STORES. RIGHT NOW, SHOPPERS CAN SCAN AND BUY THEIR BOOZE ON THE KIOSKS... AS LONG AS THEY SHOW AN I-D TO A CASHIER. BUT LAWMAKERS SAY THAT MAKING CUSTOMERS DO THEIR BUSINESS WITH AN ACTUAL CASHIER WILL PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKERS FROM SNEAKING OUT WITH ALCOHOL, AND PROTECT MORE CASHIER JOBS AT GROCERY STORES. THE SENATE'S EXPECTED TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE THIS WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/9/11 REPORTED... RESIDENTS IN ONE SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOOD ARE GETTING AN ANSWER TO THEIR PRAYERS...PRAYERS FOR BETTER CELL PHONE RECEPTION AT&T TODAY SHOWED OFF ITS NEW CELL ANTENNA IN THE SUNSET DISTRICTS "FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH." WHILE YOU CAN'T SEE MUCH-- THE ANTENNA IS ACTUALLY HIDDEN IN THE CHURCH'S STEEPLE. THE GIVEAWAY IS THE CABINETS OF WIRES ON THE SIDE OF THE CHURCH. ATT SAYS ITS' HIDDEN ANTENNAS IN EVERYTHING FROM FAKE TREES-- TO FAST FOOD SIGNS. THE COMPANY SAYS THE NEW TOWER IS PART OF ITS PUSH TO EXPAND COVERAGE ACROSS THE BAY AREA-- NOW THAT 50-PERCENT OF ITS CUSTOMERS ARE USING SMART PHONES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/9/11 REPORTED... THE LIGHTS ARE BACK ON FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FOLLOWING AN UNPRECEDENTED POWER OUTAGE IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA, PARTS OF ARIZONA AND MEXICO. IN SAN DIEGO, 1-POINT-4 MILLION HOMES LOST POWER. THINGS SLOWLY RETURNED TO NORMAL TODAY, BUT OFFICIALS ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO CONSERVE POWER BECAUSE THE GRID IS STILL

FRAGILE. TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS THAT WENT OFFLINE ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME OPERATIONS IN A DAY OR TWO. MANY SAN DIEGO BEACHES HAVE BEEN CLOSED BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVELS OF BACTERIA IN WATERS CAUSED BY TWO MASSIVE SEWAGE SPILLS THAT HAPPENED DURING THE OUTAGE. AUTHORITIES ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW A MISTAKE, BY A SINGLE WORKER IN ARIZONA, CAUSED THE MASSIVE OUTAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... IT'S WELCOME NEWS.. BUT IT COMES WITH A WARNING. SOUTH BAY COMMUTERS SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM THE MILE-LONG STRETCH OF ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY NEAR HIGHWAY 85. CREWS WILL BE WIDENING ALMADEN FROM BLOSSOM HILL ROAD TO BRANHAM LANE. WORK STARTED TODAY. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST GRIDLOCKED ROADS IN SAN JOSE. THEY WILL ALSO ADD NUMEROUS TURN LANES AND RE-TIME TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE AREA. THE WORK MEANS SLOWDOWNS IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT THE SPEED LIMIT WILL BE RAISED LATER THIS YEAR TO A VERY FAST 50 MILES PER HOUR

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... AT BAY AREA COSTCO STORES, THEY HAVEN'T EXACTLY *DECKED THE HALLS*, BUT THEY'LL SELL YOU ALL THE STUFF YOU NEED TO DECK YOUR OWN YES, IT'S *CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER* AT COSTCO. COSTCO WORKERS HAVE SET-OUT THE LIGHTS, ORNAMENTS, AND GIFT-WRAP FOR CHRISTMAS. UNLIKE TOILET PAPER AND DOG FOOD, **THESE** ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED IN SMALL QUANTITIES-- YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY *IN BULK* SO FAR, THIS COSTCO WORKER SAYS HE HASN'T RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TIMING OF HIS HOLIDAY DISPLAY. THE RECESSION HAS MADE IT A TOUGH YEAR--- SO HE SAYS MAYBE FOLKS ARE READY FOR A LITTLE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... NATIONAL PARK LEADERS SAY A NEW PLAN TO CHARGE FOR PARKING AT ONE OF THE FEW PLACES IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT'S FREE RIGHT NOW.. IS MEANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS. A NEW PROPOSAL WOULD CHARGE CRISSY FIELD VISITORS A DOLLAR AN HOUR TO PARK. THE MAXIMUM CHARGE WOULD BE 6 DOLLARS PER DAY. PARK LEADERS TOLD 'THE EXAMINER' THE PLAN WILL ACTUALLY FREE UP PARKING FOR PEOPLE LOOKING TO ENJOY CRISSY FIELD, BY DISCOURAGING EMPLOYEES OF NEARBY BUSINESSES TO TAKE-UP THE SPOTS. THE FEES WOULD RAISE 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THE PARK SERVICE. THE PLAN IS NOW UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.. AND COULD GO INTO EFFECT NEXT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... SOME PEOPLE IN CUPERTINO ARE READY TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF APPLE'S PLAN TO BUILD A MASSIVE NEW CAMPUS. THE CITY IS HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING TONIGHT TO LET PEOPLE VOICE THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE "APPLE-TWO" COMPLEX. APPLE WANTS TO BUILD A NEARLY THREE-BILLION DOLLAR SAUCER SHAPED BUILDING IN CUPERTINO, BUT SOME WORRY ABOUT A POTENTIAL TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE FOR THE AREA. THE PUBLIC MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT CUPERTINO'S COMMUNITY HALL. IT STARTED JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO. APPLE WANTS TO START CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY SO IT CAN OPEN THE CAMPUS IN 2015.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... THE STRUGGLING ECONOMY AND HIGH FUEL PRICES WILL LIKELY AFFECT YOUR TRAVEL THIS FALL. AIRLINES ARE NOW CUTTING BACK FLIGHTS ON SOME ROUTES IN THEIR FALL SCHEDULE. THAT OF COURSE MEANS FEWER SEATS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. THE STRONG PASSENGER DEMAND THIS YEAR IS ALSO USED BY SOME AIRLINES AS AN EXCUSE TO BOOST FARES. SO NOT ONLY WILL FLIGHTS BE MORE CROWDED -- BUT

PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE. EXPERTS SAY THIS WILL LIKELY BE THE NEW NORM FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... SINCE IT INCREASED ITS PRICE ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, NETFLIX HAS LOST MANY OF ITS SUBSCRIBERS AND ALMOST HALF ITS STOCK VALUE ... AND TODAY THE LOS GATOS BASED COMPANY APOLOGIZED AND ALSO MADE A STRANGE ANNOUNCEMENT. NETFLIX SAYS IT WILL START CALLING ITS DVD SERVICE "QUICKSTER". THIS WILL ESSENTIALLY SPLIT THE COMPANY IN TWO. NETFLIX SAYS IT'S ONLY FOR MARKETING PURPOSES. DVD'S WILL RENT UNDER THE "QUICKSTER" BRAND.. AND MOVIES YOU STREAM LIVE OVER THE NET.. WILL STILL BE CALLED "NETFLIX"...THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL TRY TO MAKE UP FOR THEIR QUOTE "LACKED RESPECT AND HUMILITY" THE NEW QWIKSTER SERVICE WILL ALSO OFFER VIDEO GAME RENTALS AT A HIGHER PRICE ... SIMILAR TO THE UPGRADE OPTION FOR ITS HIGH-DEFINITION BLU-RAY DISCS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/23/11 REPORTED... UNDERAGE TOBACCO SALES ARE AT AN ALL TIME LOW. AN UNDERCOVER SURVEY BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOUND ONLY about 5 percent OF STORES SOLD TOBACCO TO MINORS. HEALTH OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE TREND CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTITUDE ABOUT SMOKING AND ON STORES EDUCATING THEIR EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE LAW. IT WASN'T THAT MANY YEARS AGO THAT CHILDREN COULD ACTUALLY GET CIGARETTES WITH JUST A NOTE FROM THEIR PARENTS AND NOW PEOPLE ARE VERY AWARE THAT IT'S INAPPROPRIATE FOR KIDS TO BUY CIGARETTES AND THERE'S MUCH MORE DILIGENCE AT THE STATE LEVEL, AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AND AT THE RETAIL LEVEL." CALIFORNIA HAS THE LOWEST LEVEL OF SMOKERS IN THE NATION.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... A HIKING ACCIDENT NEARLY ENDED IN TRAGEDY--- FOR A COUPLE TRYING TO RESCUE THEIR DOG ALONG THE CLIFFS IN PACIFICA. A FIRE CREW WAS CALLED OUT NEAR THE CLIFFS OF MORI POINT SHORTLY AFTER NOON TODAY. THE MAN, WOMAN AND DOG WERE ABOUT 150 FEET BELOW THE BLUFF. THEY HAD CLIMBED DOWN THE SIDE OF THE CLIFF TO RESCUE THEIR DOG, WHEN ALL THREE BECAME TRAPPED. THE RESCUE CREW WAS ABLE TO RESCUE ALL THREE BY USING AN ANCHOR SYSTEM WITH ROPES AND PULLEY'S. FORTUNATELY, THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... SEARCH CREWS PRESUME THEY ARE DEAD...BUT THE FAMILIES OF SEVEN BAY AREA FISHERMEN, STILL MISSING OFF THE BAJA COAST, SAY THEY'RE NOT GIVING UP. THE FAMILIES HIRED A PRIVATE SEARCH COMPANY TO COMB 13 SQUARE MILES OF THE SEA OF CORTEZ... LOOKING FOR THE WRECKAGE OF THE TOURIST FISHING BOAT THAT CAPSIZED THERE TWO MONTHS AGO. NOTHING TURNED UP ... BUT THE FAMILIES SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE RAISING MONEY TO EXTEND THE SEARCH. 43 PEOPLE WERE ON BOARD WHEN THE BOAT SANK ON JULY THIRD. SEARCHERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE WRECKAGE. THE FAMILIES HAVE A FUNDRAISER PLANNED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE "EAST OCEAN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT" IN ALAMEDA TO RAISE MONEY TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... SOME TENSE MOMENTS IN THE SOUTH BAY TONIGHT...THERE A FRANTIC RESCUE OF A CONSTRUCTION WORKER -- WHO WAS BURIED UNDER A LOAD OF DIRT. TWO WORKERS WERE INSTALLING CONCRETE IN THE BASEMENT OF A HOUSE IN SARATOGA WHEN A SHORED-UP MOUND OF DIRT GAVE-WAY, BURYING ONE OF THE MEN UP TO HIS NECK. FOR NEARLY FOUR-HOURS HE WAS PINNED, THE WEIGHT THREATENING TO CRUSH HIM.

EACH TIME RESCUE TEAMS EXCAVATED SOME SOIL, MORE WOULD TUMBLE INTO ITS PLACE. THE RESCUE TEAMS GOT THE UPPER HAND WHEN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DISPATCHED A VACUUM-TRUCK TO THE JOB-SITE, ALLOWING THE RESCUERS TO GET A SAFETY HARNESS AROUND THE MAN. ONCE THE WORKER WAS FREED, DOCTORS MOVED-IN TO TREAT HIM IMMEDIATELY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED...

CALIFORNIA'S VIOLENT CRIME RATE HIT A 44 YEAR LOW IN 2010. AND THE ONLY REASON OFFICIALS CAN POINT TO ... IS TECHNOLOGY THE CALIFORNIA JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT SHOWS HOMICIDES DOWN 10 PERCENT. OVERALL CRIME.. INCLUDING RAPES AND ROBBERIES IS DOWN MORE THAN 6 PERCENT. AND PROPERTY CRIMES ARE ALSO DOWN. WHILE OFFICIALS ARE HAPPY WITH THE NUMBERS...THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S CAUSING THEM. SOME SAY THE EVER-PRESENT CELL PHONE CAMERA...AND THE ABILITY TO SPREAD INFORMATION FAST OVER THE INTERNET.... COULD BE WORKING AS A DETERRENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... POSING AS A PRIEST TO COMMIT A CRIME. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SAN FRANCISCO AUTHORITIES SAY CARLOS PARADA DID TO A 71-YEAR OLD WIDOW. PARADA AND HIS DAUGHTER, KARLA, OFFERED TO HELP THE WOMAN AFTER SHE FELL INTO FINANCIAL TROUBLE WHEN HER HUSBAND DIED IN 2006. PROSECUTORS SAY PARADA PRESENTED HIMSELF AS A PRIEST, THEN SOLD THE WOMAN'S HOME OUT FROM UNDER HER. A THIRD SUSPECT, "GEOVANNY AVENDANO" IS BEING ACCUSED OF LAUNDERING AT LEAST 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE WIDOW'S MONEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... STAND UP-- AND SPEAK UP. FACEBOOK AND TIME WARNER HAVE JOINED FORCES TO STOP BULLYING AND GET PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION IF THEY SEE SOMEONE BEING VICTIMIZED. THE TWO COMPANIES TEAMED UP TO DEVELOP AN APP TO PREVENT BULLYING AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. THIS IS A LOOK AT THE FACEBOOK PAGE WHICH LAUNCHED TODAY. THE SITE OFFERS RESOURCES ON HOW TO PREVENT AND STOP BULLYING ON AND OFF FACEBOOK. IT ALSO ASKS CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO TAKE AN ONLINE PLEDGE TO SPEAK UP IF THEY WITNESS BULLYING. THE SITE SHOWS A MAP OF THE U-S WHERE PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP TO BE PART OF THE CAMPAIGN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/21/11 REPORTED... THERE'S A REMARKABLE TWIST TO THE MICHELLE LE CASE...TONIGHT WE'RE HEARING FROM THE WOMAN WHO FOUND THE REMAINS OF THE MISSING NURSING STUDENT. HER NAME IS CARRIE MCGONIGLE...SHE FELT IT WAS HER DUTY TO HELP THE LE FAMILY SEARCH FOR HER REMAINS. WHY? MCGONIGLE SUFFERED LOSS OF HER OWN. HER 14-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER -- AMBER DUBOIS (du-bwah) -- WAS RAPED AND MURDERED BACK IN 2009. AFTER THE MURDER, MCGONIGLE FORMED A VOLUNTEER SEARCH GROUP CALLED 'TEAM AMBER RESCUE.' MCGONIGLE ALONG WITH HER ONE-YEAR-OLD LABRADOR RETRIEVER FOUND LE'S DECOMPOSED BODY SATURDAY -- NEAR THE SUNOL-PLEASANTON BORDER. MICHELLE LE WENT MISSING NEARLY FOUR MONTHS AGO. LE'S FORMER FRIEND -- 27-YEAR-OLD GISELLE ESTEBAN -- IS EXPECTED TO ENTER A PLEA TO MURDER CHARGES ONE WEEK FROM TODAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/21/11 REPORTED... DOCTORS AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL SAY THAT FIVE YEAR OLD WHO WAS SHOT LAST NIGHT, IS RECOVERING NICELY AFTER HAVING SURGERY ON HER LEFT KNEE. THE LITTLE GIRL WAS WALKING WITH HER FATHER IN THE CITY'S BAYVIEW DISTRICT WHEN A STRAY

BULLET STRUCK HER. POLICE DO NOT HAVE ANY SUSPECTS AT THIS TIME, BUT THEY BELIEVE TWO SHOOTERS COULD BE INVOLVED. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE LOOKING AT SURVEILLANCE VIDEO, HOPING IT GIVES THEM SOME CLUES. THE LITTLE GIRL IS LISTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/27/11 REPORTED...SANTA ROSA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS INVESTIGATING THE DEATH OF A PATIENT WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND ON HOSPITAL GROUNDS -- AFTER HE HAD BEEN TREATED AND RELEASED. 49 YEAR OLD MICHAEL TORRES WAS DISCHARGED LAST WEEK -- AFTER TREATMENT FOR AN UNDISCLOSED CONDITION. LATER, TORRES WAS ASKED TO LEAVE WHEN HE WAS FOUND IN A PART OF THE HOSPITAL THAT IS CLOSED AT NIGHT. HIS BODY WAS FOUND ON THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS YESTERDAY MORNING. HIS FAMILY SAYS A PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY SHOWS THAT HE COULD HAVE DIED OF PNEUMONIA OR A HEART CONDITION.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING YET ANOTHER HOMICIDE IN THE MISSION DISTRICT... THIS MARKS THE THIRD KILLING IN JUST THE PAST WEEK. POLICE RESPONDED TO A CALL OF GUN FIRE JUST AFTER TWO THIS MORNING... TO THE 400 BLOCK OF GUERRERO STREET... NEAR 16TH STREET. THEY FOUND A MAN WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE HEAD AND CHEST - HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE. YOU MAY REMEMBER, LAST TUESDAY A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY COST A YOUNG FATHER OF TWO -- HIS LIFE. THAT HOMICIDE OCCURED AT THE CORNER OF 19TH AND SAN CARLOS STREETS OUTSIDE OF THE RESTAURANT WHERE HE WORKED. AND LATER THAT NIGHT... A KNOWN GANG-MEMBER WAS SHOT DEAD ON HAMPSHIRE STREET... NEAR 20TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... A CREATIVE THEFT HAS AN EAST BAY MAN LOOKING AT HARD TIME. POLICE IN SAN LEANDRO ARRESTED "ABUNDIO COLMENERO" FOR STEALING METAL GRATES, SURROUNDING TREES. HE'S SET TO APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW TO FACE CHARGES. POLICE SAY HE WENT AS FAR AS POSING AS A CITY WORKER, AND WEARING AN ORANGE WORK VEST. AN OFFICER SAYS HE SAW COLMENERO REMOVE A CAST IRON GRATE AROUND THE BASE OF A TREE NEAR SAN LEANDRO BOULEVARD AND CREEKSIDE PLAZA, AND THEN FOUND TWO OTHER GRATES IN THE MAN'S TRUCK. HE'S BEING HELD ON A 65-THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/9/11 REPORTED... FREMONT POLICE SAY THEY HAVE A MYSTERY ON THEIR HANDS, AND IT INVOLVES A POPULAR FORMER CAL ATHLETE. INVESTIGATORS FOUND DIANE KWON'S BODY NEAR HER CAR IN A FREMONT PARKING LOT OFF MOWRY AVENUE. THAT WAS MONDAY NIGHT, AND TODAY, POLICE AREN'T SAYING HOW OR WHY THEY THINK SHE DIED, pending an autopsy report. KWON PLAYED GOLF FOR TWO YEARS AT U-C BERKELEY, WHERE STUDENT ATHLETES TODAY SAY THEY WERE STUNNED TO HEAR THE NEWS. AND POLICE SAY IT MAY BE A WHILE BEFORE THEY GET ALL THE ANSWERS. POLICE ARE ASKING WITNESSES TO COME FORWARD. DIANE KWON WAS 21 YEARS OLD, AND A POPULAR STUDENT AT FREMONT'S KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... AN ELDERLY WOMAN BOUND-- HER HUSBAND SEVERELY BEATEN-- DURING A HOME INVASION ROBBERY IN THE EAST BAY. TONIGHT, THE SUSPECTS ARE ON THE LOOSE. POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED AROUND ONE-THIRTY YESTERDAY MORNING IN THE CITY OF PINOLE. TWO MEN USED SOME SORT OF RUSE TO GET INSIDE THE COUPLE'S HOME ON HENRY AVE-- JUST OFF HIGHWAY 80. ONCE INSIDE, THE MEN TAPED-UP THE 72-YEAR OLD WOMAN. THEY BEAT HER 75-YEAR OLD HUSBAND-- UNTIL HE AGREED TO OPEN HIS SAFE.

THE SUSPECTS STOLE SEVERAL VALUABLES, INCLUDING GUNS-- BEFORE TAKING OFF IN THE VICTIM'S CAR. THE CAR IS A 20-08 GREY HONDA ACCORD-- LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 6-B-O-F-3-0-4.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... A WOMAN WHO TRIED TO CASH-IN ON MONEY MEANT FOR VICTIMS OF THE SAN BRUNO BLAST, IS FACING JAIL TIME TONIGHT. 26 YEAR-OLD NIESHA TAYLOR OF SAN FRANCISCO PLEADED NO CONTEST TO SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY, FORGERY AND I.D THEFT. ALL FELONIES. TAYLOR AND HER BOYFRIEND LIED TO SAN BRUNO AID PROCESSORS--SAYING THEIR BELONGINGS AND I-D WERE DESTROYED IN THE BLAST LAST YEAR. SHE FACES UP TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON. TAYLOR IS THE SIXTH PERSON CONVICTED OF LYING TO OBTAIN FUNDS, INTENDED FOR BLAST VICTIMS. CHARGES ARE PENDING AGAINST HER BOYFRIEND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... A SACRAMENTO COUPLE, ARRESTED LAST MONTH ON SUSPICION OF PIMPING UNDERAGE GIRLS AT A SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL, PLEADED NOT GUILTY IN COURT. 40-YEAR OLD MAHENDER "MIKE" SINGH AND HIS 22-YEAR OLD WIFE... HELEN WERE ARRESTED AT A "TRAVEL LODGE HOTEL" IN SAN FRANCISCO, AFTER POLICE RECEIVED A TIP THAT A RUNAWAY GIRL WAS STAYING AT THE HOTEL. OFFICERS FOUND A 19-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AND TWO 16-YEAR-OLD GIRLS IN A ROOM REGISTERED TO SINGH. POLICE SAY HE TOLD THEM THE GIRLS WERE HIS STEPDAUGHTERS -- BUT ALL THREE GIRLS SAID THEY WERE FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION BY THE COUPLE. CONDOMS, LINGERIE, AND COUNTERFEIT BILLS WERE ALSO FOUND IN THE ROOM. BOTH SUSPECTS REMAIN IN CUSTODY WITHOUT BAIL AND ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO COURT NEXT MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... FREMONT POLICE WANT YOU TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS OF TWO ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECTS. THE MEN ARE ALSO SUSPECTED IN TWO HOLD-UPS IN SUNNYVALE. ALL THREE BUSINESSES ROBBED WERE PIZZA RESTAURANTS-- AND IN ALL THREE CASES, WITNESSES SAY ONE OF THE MEN USED AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON-- POSSIBLY A TEC-NINE HANDGUN. ONE MAN HAS A MOUSTACHE AND IS OVERWEIGHT. THE SECOND IS CLEAN-SHAVEN AND SLENDER.THEIR GETAWAY CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A 10 YEAR OLD BEIGE OR CHAMPAGNE-COLORED AMERICAN SEDAN, SIMILAR TO A PONTIAC GRAND AM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... SCARY MOMENTS FOR PASSENGERS ON AN EARLY MORNING FLIGHT FROM SEATTLE TO OAKLAND...THEIR PLANE WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING. SOMEONE AT **S-F-O** FOUND A NOTE IN THE AIRPORT BOOKSTORE SAYING "ALASKA AIR FLIGHT 342" HAD A BOMB ON BOARD. OFFICIALS LANDED THE JET IN A SECLUDED PART OF OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. AFTER LANDING, AUTHORITIES BOARDED THE PLANE, HANDCUFFED TWO MEN...AND LED THEM OFF. PASSENGERS HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS HAPPENING. THEY WERE JUST TOLD TO EVACUATE THE PLANE AND LEAVE THEIR BELONGINGS BEHIND. THE TWO MEN AUTHORITES REMOVED FROM THE PLANE, WERE QUESTIONED AND RELEASED. NO BOMBS WERE FOUND. AS YOU MIGHT KNOW -- AIRLINE BOMB THREATS OF ANY KIND ARE A FEDERAL OFFENSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/21/11 REPORTED... AN 11TH HOUR APPEAL ... COULD SAVE the life of a DEATH ROW INMATE WITHIN THE LAST COUPLE HOURS, THE SUPREME COURT GRANTED A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE AS IT CONSIDERS ARGUMENTS BY TROY DAVIS' LEGAL TEAM. MANY ACTIVISTS WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING

IN SAN FRANCISCO, HELD PROTESTS AND VIGILS HOPING TO STOP THE EXECUTION. DAVIS IS AWAITING EXECUTION BY LETHAL INJECTION FOR THE 1989 SHOOTING DEATH OF AN OFF-DUTY SAVANNAH, GEORGIA POLICE OFFICER. HIS LAWYERS SAY HE IS A VICTIM OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. WITNESSES TESTIFIED THAT IT WAS DAVIS WHO SHOT THE OFFICER IN THE FACE AND CHEST IN A BURGER KING PARKING LOT. BUT 7 OF THOSE 9 WITNESSES LATER RECALLED THEIR STATEMENTS. A DECISION IS EXPECTED ANYTIME NOW ON DAVIS' APPEAL. WE WILL BRING IT TO YOU WHEN IT HAPPENS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/23/11 REPORTED... A SCARY MORNING FOR DINERS AT A DENNY'S RESTAURANT IN THE SOUTH BAY. A MAN WALKED INTO THE RESTAURANT, ON BLOSSOM HILL ROAD - NEAR SANTA THERESA BOULEVARD - ARMED WITH A KNIFE .. AT AROUND 4:30 THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY HE THEN ORDERED EVERYONE TO LEAVE. EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS LEFT THE DENNY'S AND OFFICERS SURROUNDED THE RESTAURANT. POLICE ARRESTED HIM, JUST AFTER 6 THIS MORNING. NO-ONE WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE DURING THE INCIDENT - AND NO-ONE WAS HURT. THE MAN WILL NOW UNDERGO A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... THE STATE SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS TOMORROW-- ON A KEY ISSUE IN THE BATTLE OVER SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. THE COURT MUST DECIDE IF STATE LAW ALLOWS THE SPONSORS OF PROP 8 THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A FEDERAL COURT RULINGWHICH FOUND THE VOTER-APPROVED BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE INITIATIVE'S SPONSORS -- WHO ARE ANTI GAY MARRIAGE -- ARE TRYING TO APPEAL THAT DECISION. GOVERNOR BROWN AND THE STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL HAVE BOTH ALREADY SAID THEY WON'T DEFEND PROP 8. AFTER HEARING TUESDAY'S ARGUMENTS... THE STATE SUPREME COURT HAS 90 DAYS TO ISSUE AN OPINION ON WHETHER SUPPORTERS OF THE BAN HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO APPEAL. IF SO, THE CASE WOULD THEN GO BACK TO THE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... A DIABETIC WOMAN WAS FIRED OVER A BAG OF CHIPS AFTER 18 YEARS OF SERVICE. TONIGHT, THE SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN IS THE CATALYST BEHIND A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE WALGREENS STORE CHAIN. JOSEFINA HERNANDEZ SAYS SHE REACHED FOR A BAG OF CHIPS DURING A DIABETIC ATTACK IN 2008. SHE LATER PAID A DOLLAR-39 FOR THE ITEM. BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER. SHE WAS FIRED BY THE DRUGSTORE CHAIN. A LAWSUIT BY THE U-S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CLAIMS WALGREENS VIOLATED THE 'AMERICAN'S WITH DISABILITIES ACT.' THEY'RE ASKING FOR BACK PAY, COMPENSATION FOR EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AND EFFORTS TO PREVENT FUTURE DISCRIMINATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... "IN GOD WE TRUST" MIGHT BE ON U-S CURRENCY -- BUT IT DOESN'T BELONG IN A HIGH SCHOOL MATH CLASS. THAT WAS THE RULING TODAY BY A SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE. A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT TODAY UPHOLD A DECISION BY A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERED A MATH TEACHER TO REMOVE CLASSROOM BANNERS THAT INCLUDED THE PHRASES "IN GOD WE TRUST" AND "GOD SHED HIS GRACE

ON THEE." IN RESPONSE, THE TEACHER FILED A CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT. BUT, THE APPEALS COURT SAID THE TEACHER'S FREE SPEECH RIGHTS WERE NOT VIOLATED-- AND THE SIGNS HAVE TO GO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... AN ALL-STAR PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA'S GAY MARRIAGE DEBATE IS GOING TO BROADWAY. PRODUCERS HAVE REVEALED AN "A-LIST" CAST FOR THE NEW SHOW. ELLEN BARKIN, MORGAN FREEMAN, AND JOHN LITHGOW ARE AMONG THE LONG LIST OF STARS TO HEADLINE IN THE PLAY TITLED "8". THE PLAY IS BASED ON TRIAL TRANSCRIPTS AND INTERVIEWS FROM LAST YEAR'S COURT FIGHT OVER PROPOSITION 8, THE LAW BANNING GAY MARRIAGE. "8" WILL BE PERFORMED AS A READING FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY ON SEPTEMBER 19TH AT THE EUGENE O'NEIL THEATRE IN NEW YORK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... A FEDERAL JUDGE IN SAN FRANCISCO ORDERED THAT VIDEO OF LAST YEAR'S TRIAL ON PROPOSITION 8... BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC... U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES WARE SAID TODAY THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO KEEP THE VIDEOS PRIVATE. THE MOTION TO UNSEAL THE VIDEO WAS FILED BY TWO SAME-SEX COUPLES WHO CHALLENGED PROP 8 AND THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. THE JUDGE SAID IN TODAY'S ORDER THAT THE VIDEO IS NOW PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE TRIAL AND THAT THERE IS A COMMON-LAW RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRIALS. THIS ORDER WILL TAKE EFFECT AT THE END OF THE MONTH... TO GIVE THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE UNSEALING OF THE VIDEO - A CHANCE TO APPEAL HIS RULING... AT THE TRIAL LAST YEAR... JUDGE VAUGHN WALKER, WHO HAS SINCE RETIRED, ORDERED THE DIGITAL RECORDING, BUT DID NOT RELEASE THE TAPES. HE LATER STRUCK DOWN PROP 8... AND THE RULING IS CURRENTLY ON APPEAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... THE CONTROVERSIAL GOVERNMENT POLICY 'BANNING' GAYS FROM OPENLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY -- ENDS TOMORROW-- 18 YEARS AFTER IT TOOK EFFECT. THE PENTAGON SAYS THE MILITARY *IS PREPARED FOR THE END OF "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL"-- AND HAS PUT EXTENSIVE TRAINING INTO PLACE FOR THE CHANGE. PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED THE LAW REPEALING THE BAN LAST DECEMBER--MORE THAN 13 THOUSAND GAYS HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE MILITARY FOR REVEALING THEIR SEXUALITY SINCE THE POLICY BEGAN IN 1993. HOUSE MINORITY LEADER NANCY PELOSI, FROM SAN FRANCISCO SAYS THE REPEAL IS LONG OVERDUE. IN A STATEMENT TODAY SHE SAID----"For those gays and lesbians discharged unfairly..we must correct their paperwork so that it properly reflects their service." PELOSI ALSO SAID THE FIGHT MUST CONTINUE AGAINST THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT, WHICH BARS FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/27/11 REPORTED... NEW CENSUS FIGURES SHOW THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS LIVING W/ A SAME SEX PARTNER HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED. MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND PEOPLE SAID THEY WERE IN A SAME SEX RELATIONSHIP...THIS WAS IN THE 2010 CENSUS FORMS.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME PEOPLE COULD DO SO AFTER GAY MARRIAGE BECAME LEGAL IN MASSACHUSETTS IN 2004. THERE ARE FEWER GAY COUPLES IN THE UNITED STATES THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED . ORIGINALLY IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE MORE THAN 900-THOUSAND GAY COUPLES. BUT THAT NUMBER WAS DOWNGRADED TO ABOUT 600-THOUSAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/28/11 REPORTED... THERE MAY SOON BE FEWER TOURS OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE - BY AIR. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE F-A-A ARE CREATING A PLAN THAT COULD RESULT IN NEW LIMITS ON HELICOPTER AND AIRPLANE TOURS OVER THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. WILDLIFE EXPERTS SAY THERE ARE CONCERNS FOR ANIMALS BEING DISTURBED BY HOVERING AIRCRAFTS. CURRENTLY, THE F-A-A ALLOWS TWO BAY AREA COMPANIES TO OFFER ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND TOURS A YEAR -- FLYING OVER ALCATRAZ, THE PRESIDIO, THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, AND OTHER SAN FRANCISCO LANDMARKS. UNDER THE NEW RULES, SET TO COME OUT NEXT YEAR, TOUR COMPANIES COULD FACE ADDITIONAL LIMITS ON HOURS, ROUTES AND THE NUMBER OF TRIPS THEY CAN MAKE.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/9/11 REPORTED... THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, WHO APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID, WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEIR MONEY. ABOUT 3-THOUSAND STUDENTS WHO MISSED THE EARLY JUNE FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE, WILL HAVE TO WAIT AT LEAST A FEW MORE WEEKS FOR THE SCHOOL TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE. BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THOSE STUDENTS "WON'T" LOSE THEIR CLASSES AND WILL BE GIVEN AN EXTENSION THROUGH EARLY OCTOBER TO PAY FOR THEIR CLASSES. AN EMERGENCY FUND HAS BEEN SET UP THROUGH THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE TO HELP THE STUDENTS WHO NEED MONEY TO PAY FOR LIVING EXPENSES AND BOOKS. A SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY SAYS THAT FEE INCREASES, MORE STUDENTS, AND A CHANGE IN THE PAPERWORK PROCESS - ARE THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE RALLIED IN SACRAMENTO TODAY FOR THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE "DREAM ACT." IT WOULD ALLOW UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT STUDENTS TO RECEIVE STATE AID. THE STUDENT ACTIVISTS ALSO DELIVERED 11-THOUSAND SIGNED POSTCARDS-- URGING GOVERNOR BROWN TO SIGN THE SECOND PART OF THE ACT INTO LAW. IT WOULD ALLOW IMMIGRANT STUDENTS TO GET STATE AID, LIKE CAL GRANTS, IN ADDITION TO PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE BROWN SIGN A PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT IS NOT ONLY CRITICAL TO A FEW STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY ITS CRITICAL TO ALL STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE OVER 11-THOUSAND POSTCARDS SIGNED HERE." CRITICS OF THE DREAM ACT SAY UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS CANNOT BE LEGALLY EMPLOYED IN THE STATE; THEREFORE THE BILL GIVES THEM FALSE HOPE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION COULD GO EVEN HIGHER IN CALIFORNIA. AS IT STANDS, TUITION IS UP AN ESTIMATED *300-PERCENT* IN THE PAST 20-YEARS. AND IT'S NOT LIKELY TO STOP. U-C REGENTS MET TODAY TO DISCUSS YET ANOTHER TUITION HIKE. THE NEW

PLAN WOULD RAISE TUITION 'UP TO 16-PERCENT'.. *EVERY YEAR.. THROUGH 20-16. BY THEN, BASIC TUITION COULD TOP 22-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... WARNINGS ARE GOING OUT AGAIN TO STUDENTS AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY ABOUT AN ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT. THE SECOND IN A WEEK. POLICE SAY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING A STUDENT WAS ATTACKED NEAR *CAMPUS VILLAGE* AT NINTH AND EAST SAN SALVADOR STREETS AFTER A MAN ASKED HER FOR A LIGHT FOR HIS CIGARETTE. AND ON LABOR DAY, A YOUNG WOMAN REPORTED AN ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT NEAR THE ENGINEERING BUILDING. POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING BOTH CASES-- AND SOME STUDENTS ARE CHANGING THEIR ROUTINES. CAMPUS POLICE REMIND STUDENTS NOT TO WALK ALONE AT NIGHT, STAY IN WELL-LIT AREAS, AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE CAMPUS ESCORT PROGRAM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... THE BAY AREA IS WORLD FAMOUS FOR ITS HIGHER EDUCATION. AND THE LATEST LIST FROM "U-S NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" WILL BOOST THAT REPUTATION. STANFORD UNIVERSITY FINISHED FIFTH ON THE LIST. THE MAGAZINE BASES ITS RANKINGS ON CRITERIA SUCH AS STUDENT TEST SCORES, ADMISSIONS SELECTIVITY AND PEER EVALUATIONS. THIS IS THE 28TH YEAR THE MAGAZINE HAS RANKED THE NATION'S COLLEGES. LOOKING AT THE LIST, YOU CAN SEE THE IVY LEAGUE SCHOOLS DOMINATE THE TOP FOUR SPOTS WITH HARVARD AND PRINCETON TIED AT NUMBER ONE. NUMBER THREE IS YALE. NUMBER FOUR IS COLUMBIA AND STANFORD IS NUMBER FIVE. UC-BERKELEY WAS 21ST ON THE LIST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... A FAIRFIELD TEACHER GOT THE SUPRISE OF A LIFETIME TODAY... MRS. RAINA (RAIN-UH) IS ONE OF THREE WINNERS OF A NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST...THE KINDERGARDEN TEACHER AT SA-SOON VALLEY SCHOOL ENTERED AN ESSAY IN N-B-C'S EDUCATION NATION CONTEST. HER ESSAY DETAILED A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TEACHER...AND PROPOSED A REALITY SHOW TO SEE IF 'YOU' COULD HANDLE 32 KINDERGARDNERS...THE GOOD NEWS WAS DELIVERED TO HER IN CLASS TODAY... MRS. RAINA NOW GETS AN ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY...AND WILL TAKE PART IN A TEACHER'S TOWN HALL MEETING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REGENTS VOTED AGAINST RAISING TUITION ALMOST 10-PERCENT. THE PROPOSAL CAME IN RESPONSE TO HAVING THE U-C BUDGET CUT BY 650-MILLION DOLLARS BY STATE LEGISLATORS. THE REGENTS SENT FINANCIAL PLANNERS BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD TO COME-UP WITH OTHER OPTIONS TO FILL THAT HOLE. THE BOARD DID APPROVE RAISES FOR A DOZEN OF THE U-C SYSTEM'S TOP ADMINISTRATORS. IT SAYS THOSE RAISES WILL BE PAID FOR BY SOURCES *OTHER* THAN TUITION AND FEES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS PICKETTED IN FRONT OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TODAY - TO PROTEST ILLEGAL CLASS SIZES IN THE DISTRICT... THEY ARGUE THAT LARGE CLASS SIZES IN FOUR PARTICULAR CLASSROOMS AT LA ESCUELITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE OAKLAND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT... THE CONTRACT CLEARLY STATES THE MAXIMUM STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIOS FOR EACH

GRADE LEVEL...Under the terms and conditions imposed by the Oakland district in 2009, which allowed class sizes to rise from a ratio of 20:1 in K-3, four classrooms are over the current maximum class size allowed of 30:1 in grades 1-3, and 31:1 in grades 4-5. One 3-4 combination class has 37 students, two other combination classes have 34, and one has 32. About 50 parents, students and teachers protested outside district headquarters on Friday morning, but no administrators were at the site to hear their demands for an additional teacher. Despite the fact that the contract clearly states that maximum class size in the elementary schools must be completed within the first ten school days, representatives of the district informed the school on Friday afternoon that they would not honor the contract and would wait until the 20th day of school to make a decision on whether or not to grant an additional teacher. On September 13, six teachers from La Escuelita delivered petitions to Superintendent Tony Smith's office signed by 151 parents demanding that the contract be followed and that another teacher be assigned to the school. They were verbally assured that they would get that teacher. "Now they are telling us we won't know until the 20th day of school. If another teacher isn't assigned then, we would have to combine our bilingual classes, putting them over class size limits," said Patrice Yau, kindergarten teacher. "The longer this continues without a solution, the more difficult it will be for students. This is why the ten-day maximum was agreed to in the contract, so young children wouldn't have to be moved after they've already grown attached to their teacher," says Kerri Frederick, specialty prep teacher.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/27/11 REPORTED...MORE THAN JUST BROWNIES AND COOKIES...A CONTROVERSIAL BAKE SALE AT U-C BERKELEY TODAY -- MANAGED TO SPARK A NATIONAL DEBATE...THE ISSUE OF RACE IN THE COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS. IT WAS AN ACTIVE -- YET PEACEFUL SCENE ON CAMPUS TODAY. SOME STUDENTS ACTUALLY PAID FOR CUPCAKES WHICH WERE PRICED ACCORDING TO RACE...BUT MANY OTHERS RECEIVED THEM FOR FREE FOR SUPPORTING THE EVENT. BERKELEY COLLEGE REPUBLICANS SAY THE "INCREASE DIVERSITY BAKE SALE" CALLED ATTENTION TO A STATE BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW UNIVERSITIES TO CONSIDER RACE, ETHNICITY AND GENDER WHEN ADMITTING STUDENTS. THERE WAS TENSION ON CAMPUS AS MANY OTHER GROUPS SHOWED UP TO PROTEST WHAT THEY BELIEVED WAS OFFENSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY. HUNDREDS OF MINORITY STUDENTS DRESSED IN BLACK STAGED A SILENT PROTEST IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT A STRONG STATEMENT COULD BE MADE WITHOUT CAUSING BACKLASH AND IMPACTING THE CAMPUS CLIMATE.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... AN UNUSUAL RED TIDE ALONG THE SONOMA COAST HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE PAYING ATTENTION, INCLUDING HEALTH OFFICIALS. THE CONCENTRATED BLOOM RANGES FROM FISK MILL COVE TO BELOW BODEGA BAY. A RED TIDE RESULTS WHEN PLANKTON UNDERGO A POPULATION EXPLOSION. SOME RED TIDES PRODUCE NATURAL TOXINS THAT CAN BE HARMFUL TO FISH, SHELLFISH AND OTHER MARINE LIFE. SHELLFISH FROM RED TIDE AREAS IS NOT SAFE TO EAT. THIS PARTICULAR TIDE HAS ALREADY KILLED ABALONE AND SES STARS IN SONOMA WATERS. IT'S BEING CLOSELY WATCHED BY HEALTH AND GAME OFFICIALS - PARTICULARLY IN THE OYSTER-RICH WATERS OF TOMALES BAY. RIGHT NOW, NO TOXINS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN MARIN COUNTY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... EMERGENCY RESCUE TEAMS NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY'LL ENCOUNTER FROM DAY TO DAY--BUT ONE EAST BAY PARAMEDIC KNOWS -- WHEN HE GOES TO THE STATE CAPITOL TOMORROW -- IT WON'T INVOLVE SAVING ANYONE. IN FACT -- HE'LL BE HONORED. OF *DAVE MANZECK'S* DARING HELICOPTER RESCUE MADE NEWS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR-- AND IT'S THE REASON HE'LL RECEIVE *THE GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY MEDAL OF VALOR* TOMORROW. IT TOOK HIM TWO ATTEMPTS TO PULL A 74-YEAR OLD WOMAN TO SAFETY AFTER THE CAR SHE WAS IN WAS SWEEPED DOWN THE RUSHING WATERS OF WALNUT CREEK DURING A STORM. MANZECK SUFFERED A DISLOCATED SHOULDER AND TORN LIGAMENT DURING THE RESCUE. THE CEREMONY WILL BE IN THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ROOM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... OLIVE OIL...GREEK SALADS...MARTINI'S...BUT NOT SO FAST. OLIVE GROWERS SAY THIS HARVEST COULD BE ONE OF THE WORST THEY'VE SEEN IN YEARS. THE LATE SEASON RAIN DRENCHED BLOOMING OLIVE TREES IN SONOMA COUNTY. AND THAT HURT THE CROP. GROWERS SAY IT COULD BE A TENTH OF ITS NORMAL SIZE. MANY HAVE ASKED BUYERS TO CHECK IN AGAIN NEXT YEAR... AND WARNED CONSUMERS TO STOCK UP ON LAST YEAR'S SUPPLY OF OLIVE OIL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/14/11 REPORTED... A NEW STUDY FINDS SHRINKING BEACHES IN CALIFORNIA--COULD COST THE STATE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOST TOURISM AND TAX REVENUES. RESEARCHERS AT "SAN FRANCISCO STATE" STUDIED THE EFFECTS OF RISING SEA LEVELS AT FIVE CALIFORNIA BEACH COMMUNITIES. THEY SAY THE STORMS AND EROSION CAUSED BY RISING SEA LEVELS-- ARE HAVING A DRASTIC IMPACT ON LAND VALUE-- AND TOURIST VISITS. ONE OF THE COMMUNITIES STUDIED-- WAS SAN FRANCISCO'S "OCEAN BEACH." RESEARCHERS ESTIMATED 540-MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGE TO LAND, BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... NEW CONCERNS ABOUT PG&E TONIGHT. CALIFORNIA REGULATORS ARE WONDERING WHY THE UTILITY COMPANY USED IMPROPER TESTING METHODS ON 1 OF ITS GAS LINES. HAPPENED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - NEAR LAKE HAVASU. SAFETY ENGINEERS AT THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SAY THE PRESSURE TEST SUFFERED FROM "DEFICIENCIES" ... AN ERROR THAT COULD MEAN BIG CHANGES FOR PG&E'S ENTIRE HYDROSTATIC TESTING PROGRAM. BUT THE UTILITY COMPANY WANTS REGULATORS TO ACCEPT THIS METHOD OF TESTING SO IT CAN RESTORE FULL PRESSURE ON TWO OF ITS PIPE-LINES IN THE COMING MONTHS. A HEARING ON THE TEST IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... WE BEGIN TONIGHT WITH DEVELOPING NEWS OUT OF THE EAST BAY. FIREFIGHTERS ARE WORKING TO CONTROL FLAMES BURNING AT THE EDGE OF LAKE CHABOT... IN THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT. ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET GROUND CREWS THROUGH THE RUGGED TERRAIN... BUT THEY ARE ATTACKING FROM IT FROM THE AIR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR SAN FRANCISCO, AS IT GETS READY FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP FINALS IN 20-13. ORGANIZERS OF THE EVENT- JOINED CITY

LEADERS TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PLANNING PROCESS TODAY. THEY SAY OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THEY WILL RELEASE DETAILS ABOUT PLANS FOR AIR AND WATER TRAFFIC, WASTE MANAGEMENT, VIEWING SITES AND PUBLIC SAFETY. SOME FIVE MILLION SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE EVENT. COORDINATORS PRAISED THE CITY FOR ITS SUPPORT SO FAR, AND SAID THEY'VE GOT TAX EXEMPT STATUS NOW- WHICH WILL HELP WITH FUNDRAISING GOALS. ORGANIZERS HAVE TWO MILLION DOLLARS SO FAR, BUT SAY SEVERAL BIG CORPORATIONS ARE SIGNING ON AS SPONSORSHIP PARTNERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WILL NOT ALLOW JET SKIS AND WAVE RUNNERS DURING A SURFING EVENT AT OCEAN BEACH. FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY WAVING THE RULE TO LET PEOPLE USE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT DURING THE 'RIP CURL PRO SEARCH' WOULD SET A NEGATIVE PRECEDENT. THE ISSUE IS THE IMPACT OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT ON THE WATER AND WILDLIFE. BEACH LIFEGUARDS WILL USE THEIR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT DURING THE 10-DAY COMPETITION IN NOVEMBER. IN JANUARY, A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAN -- WHO WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AT MAVERICKS -- WAS PULLED TO SAFETY BY A PHOTOGRAPHER ILLEGALLY OPERATING A JET SKI.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CATASTROPHIC 'COSCO BUSAN OIL SPILL' IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY WILL PAY 44 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER. THE STATE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE OWNERS OF THE SHIP WILL REIMBURSE MILLIONS FOR THE CLEANUP AND RESTORATION EFFORTS. THE 53-THOUSAND GALLON OIL SPILL HAPPENED IN 2007, AFTER THE TANKER HIT THE BAY BRIDGE. THE ACCIDENT KILLED THOUSANDS OF BIRDS AND CLOSED BAY AREA BEACHES TO RECREATION AND FISHING. FISHERMEN HAVE ALREADY REACHED A SETTLEMENT FOR LOSS OF LIVELIHOOD BECAUSE OF THE SPILL.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... A NEW POLL SHOWS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S APPROVAL RATING HAS SLIPPED AMONG CALIFORNIA VOTERS, BUT HE STILL HOLDS A BIG LEAD OVER POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN OPPONENTS. THE U-S-C - LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL FINDS IN HYPOTHETICAL MATCHUPS WITH LEADING REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES, PRESIDENT OBAMA WOULD LEAD FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY BY 19 POINTS, TEXAS GOVERNOR RICK PERRY BY 24 POINTS AND MINNESOTA REPRESENTATIVE MICHELE AND AMONG CALIFORNIA *REPUBLICAN* VOTERS, IF THEY HAD TO CHOOSE THE PRESIDENT TODAY, 22-PERCENT WOULD PICK ROMNEY - 22-PERCENT PERRY. 11-PERCENT WOULD SELECT TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE RON PAUL AND 10-PERCENT WOULD PICK BACHMANN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... GOING POSTAL COULD HAVE A NEW MEANING AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH ON HAND TO MEET ITS OBLIGATION TO A TRUST FUND FOR RETIREES AT THE END OF THE MONTH. IF THERE'S A DEFAULT -- OFFICIALS PROMISE NO INTERRUPTION IN THE MAIL, THE PAYROLL OR PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS. THE FUND WAS MANDATED BY A 2006 POSTAL REFORM ACT THAT POSTAL OFFICIALS TODAY BELIEVE DOES NOT MATCH THE REALITY OF DECLINING REVENUES AND A SMALLER WORKFORCE. THE FUND WAS SET UP WHEN THE POST OFFICE HAD 900,000 EMPLOYEES. IT NOW HAS ABOUT 650K WORKERS.

CONGRESS WILL TAKE UP THE MATTER TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA IS COMING TO THE BAY AREA THIS MONTH. AND IF YOU WANT TO HAVE DINNER WITH HIM, YOU'LL NEED YOUR CHECKBOOK. N-B-C BAY AREA HAS CONFIRMED THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY FOR HIS SEPTEMBER 25TH VISIT. FACEBOOK CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER CHERYL SANDBERG WILL HOST A LAVISH FUNDRAISING DINNER AT HER ATHERTON HOME. PRIOR TO THE DINNER, PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL ATTEND ANOTHER FUNDRAISER AT THE WOODSIDE HOME OF JOHN THOMPSON. HE'S THE FORMER C-E-O OF MOUNTAIN VIEW-BASED SYMANTEC. HERE'S THE PRICE BREAKDOWN... DINNER-- \$38,500 RECEPTION ONLY-- \$2,500 AND TO GET A PICTURE WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA, THAT WILL COST YOU 10-GRAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... GOVERNOR BROWN IS MAD. HE IS FIGHTING BACK AFTER A COUPLE OF NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS GAVE THE *HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION* CREDIT FOR KILLING HIS TAX REFORM AND JOBS PROPOSALS. [I "WE REPRESENT HOMEOWNERS AND THERE'S VIRTUALLY NOTHING IN THERE FOR ORDINARY HOMEOWNERS, SO WE HAD SOME ISSUES BOTH IN TERMS OF THE PROCESS AND THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL, BUT AGAIN, WE HAVE NOT CLOSED THE DOOR TO SOME SORT OF CORPORATE TAX REFORM." COUPAL ADMITS BEING CALLED INTO BROWN'S OFFICE TO TALK ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S TAX REFORM AND JOBS PLAN. HE CLAIMS HE COULDN'T SUPPORT IT BECAUSE IT DIDN'T BENEFIT THE AVERAGE CITIZEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... IN AN EFFORT TO STAY IN BUSINESS ... TODAY THE U-S POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERED A PLAN TO CUT 35-THOUSAND JOBS ... AND SHUT DOWN ABOUT HALF OF ITS 500 PROCESSING LOCATIONS TODAY. THE HOPE IS THAT THIS WILL CUT ABOUT THREE BILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR FROM THE BOTTOM LINE. COMPANIES LIKE U-P-S, FEDEX, AND THE INTERNET ... ARE TAKING AWAY BUSINESS FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE. THE PLAN WILL LIKELY FACE OPPOSITION ... AND COULD FORCE THE CLOSING OF A POST-OFFICE NEAR YOU. CONGRESS STILL HAS TO SIGN THE PLAN. IF IT DOES..DELIVERIES MAY BE CUT BACK TO WEEKDAYS ONLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... AMID ALL THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING BART ... STATE LAWMAKERS PASSED A BILL THAT WOULD 'HELP' THE AGENCY TO PREVENT SOME PROTESTERS FROM ENTERING ITS STATIONS. THE BILL IS NOW HEADED TO GOVERNOR BROWN'S DESK AND IF SIGNED ... IT WOULD GIVE BART AND OTHER PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS THE AUTHORITY TO BAR PASSENGERS ... WHO'VE BEEN CITED THREE TIMES OVER A 60-DAY PERIOD OF TIME. OFFENSES INCLUDE FARE CHEATS, VANDALISM AND DISRUPTING TRAIN SERVICE. THAT MEANS PROTESTERS WHO JUMP ON TRAINS OR BLOCK FARE GATES ... MAY ALSO BE BANNED FROM BART. MEANWHILE, POSTINGS ON TWITTER SHOW THAT PROTESTERS ARE PLANNING ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION TONIGHT. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY DISRUPTIONS TO THE COMMUTE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... IN A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO REPUBLICANS, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TODAY LAID OUT HIS PLAN TO BALANCE THE BUDGET... SAYING "WE CAN'T CUT OURSELVES OUT OF THIS HOLE." WHAT HE WANTS ARE HIGHER TAXES ON WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS

TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT THREE TRILLION DOLLARS. REPUBLICANS SAY THERE'S NO WAY THIS PLAN CAN GET THROUGH CONGRESS... BUT THE PRESIDENT IS HOPING IT'S A WINNER WITH VOTERS. THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN WOULD CUT 580 BILLION DOLLARS FROM MEDICARE AND MEDICAID, NOT SOCIAL SECURITY. SAVE A TRILLION IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. AND HIKE TAXES 1 POINT 5 TRILLION... USING THE WARREN BUFFETT RULE... TAXING THE SO CALLED SUPER RICH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/21/11 REPORTED... THE REALIGNMENT IS ALMOST HERE. LOW LEVEL CRIMINALS -- WILL BE MOVED FROM STATE PRISONS -- TO COUNTY JAILS. BUT THE QUESTIONS IS -- IS THERE MONEY FOR THIS REALIGNMENT? TODAY -- GOVERNOR BROWN SAID -- YES.. THE PLAN TO MOVE THE LOW LEVEL PRISONERS -- BEGINS IN OCTOBER . GOVERNOR BROWN SAYS HE'S BEEN WORKING WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ON REALIGNMENT SINCE HE WAS ELECTED. WHILE THERE'S FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM NOW --GOVERNOR BROWN SAYS HE'LL PUT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT -- IF NEEDED -- TO MAKE SURE THE MONEY DOESN'T GO AWAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/27/11 REPORTED...SAN PABLO'S CITY COUNCIL SUFFERED A SHOCKING BLOW LAST WEEK WHEN ONE OF ITS YOUNGEST MEMBERS HAD A HEART ATTACK AND STROKE. 37 YEAR OLD ARTURO CRUZ IS RECOVERING FROM COMPLICATED HEART SURGERY AND IS IN STABLE CONDITION TONIGHT. CRUZ HAS BEEN ON THE COUNCIL FOR THREE YEARS. SAN PABLO MAYOR PAUL MORRIS SAYS THE CITY IS DEVASTED BY THE NEWS, CALLING CRUZ YOUNG AND CAPABLE. THE MAYOR SAYS THE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OF THE ENTIRE CITY ARE WITH CRUZ AND HIS FAMILY AS HE RECOVERS.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... IF THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO SNACK ON DURING A MOVIE, YOU WILL EAT STALE POPCORN. THAT'S ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH OUT OF U-S-C. IN A STUDY OF PEOPLE WHO ATE POPCORN WHILE WATCHING MOVIE TRAILERS, THEY ATE THE SAME AMOUNT OF THE THEATER TREAT -- REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT WAS FRESH OR A WEEK OLD. TASTE DOESN'T MATTER, BUT THE SETTING AND THE METHOD DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WHEN THE SAME PARTICIPANTS WERE GIVEN POPCORN IN A CONFERENCE ROOM, THEY ATE CONSIDERABLY LESS STALE POPCORN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... PARTS OF SAN JOSE WILL BE SPRAYED LATER THIS WEEK TO STOP THE SPEAD OF *WEST NILE VIRUS.* MOSQUITOES CARRYING THE VIRUS WERE FOUND ON FRIDAY IN SOUTH SAN JOSE. THAT PROMPTED THE VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT TO SCHEDULE MOSQUITO GROUND-FOGGING. WEATHER PERMITTING, THE TREATMENT WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT. THE SPRAYING WILL LAST FOR SEVERAL HOURS OVERNIGHT, COVERING ROUGHLY 20 SQUARE MILES EAST OF HIGHWAY 87, AND SOUTH OF HILLSDALE AVENUE. THE COUNTY ESTIMATES THAT 1-TO-3 PERCENT OF THE MOSQUITOES IN THE AREA ARE CARRYING THE VIRUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... SAME PLANT, SAME PROBLEM. FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A MONTH... A MINNESOTA COMPANY IS RECALLING GROUND TURKEY PRODUCTS AFTER TESTS SHOW SALMONELLA CONTAMINATION. CARGILL IS RECALLING AN ADDITIONAL 185-THOUSAND POUNDS OF GROUND TURKEY PRODUCTS. THAT'S ON TOP OF THE 36 MILLION POUNDS OF GROUND TURKEY IT RECALLED A MONTH AGO. THE SALMONELLA CONTAMINATION HAS SICKENED MORE THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE IN 31 STATES. ONE PERSON IN CALIFORNIA

HAS DIED. THE U-S-D-A SAYS... A SAMPLE OF GROUND TURKEY COLLECTED FROM THE COMPANY'S ARKANSAS PLANT THREE WEEKS AGO... TESTED POSITIVE FOR SALMONELLA. THAT WAS A WEEK AFTER PRODUCTION RESUMED FOLLOWING THE FIRST INCIDENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... WHILE SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS HAS BEEN KNOWN TO GIVE SOME PARENTS A HEADACHE -- A NEW STUDY SUGGESTS HE MAY ALSO BE HURTING KIDS' BRAINS.... IT SAYS THE KIND OF SHOWS PRESCHOOLERS ARE WATCHING MAY BE JUST AS HARMFUL AS 'HOW MUCH' T-V THEY SEE. RESEARCHERS RANDOMLY ASSIGNED THE KIDS TO ONE OF THREE GROUPS -- EITHER PLAY WITH CRAYONS, WATCH THE SLOW-PACED P-B-S CARTOON -- OR WATCH NICKELODEON'S FAST-PACED CARTOON -- SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS. AFTER DOING ONE OF THESE TASKS FOR 9 MINUTES, THE RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT THE KIDS' ABILITY TO FOCUS AND PROBLEM SOLVE. THERE'S NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THE SHORT-TERM IMPACTS FOUND IN THIS STUDY TRANSLATE INTO LONG-TERM PROBLEMS. WHILE SPONGEBOB AND HIS NEIGHBORS UNDER THE SEA MAY NOT BE THE ENEMY -- EXPERTS SAY PARENTS SHOULD REMEMBER KIDS' BRAINS SOAK UP EVERYTHING THEY SEE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... AFTER A MARATHON DEBATE AND YEARS OF PLANNING -- MINUTES AGO -- SAN JOSE'S CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA CLINICS. MORE THAN A-HUNDRED *POT CLUBS* HAVE SPRUNG-UP IN RECENT YEARS -- ALL OF THEM ILLEGAL. UNDER THE RESTRICTIONS ADOPTED TONIGHT, ONLY TEN CLINICS WILL BE ALLOWED, NO MORE THAN TWO IN EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT. EACH FACILITY WILL HAVE TO GROW ITS OWN "PRODUCT" ON THE PREMESIS, AND WILL HAVE TO MEET A LIST OF STRICT ZONING AND REGULATORY CRITERIA. IF THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE RULES ON THEIR SECOND READING, THE NEW LAWS WILL TAKE EFFECT AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/13/11 REPORTED... A NEW WARNING TONIGHT: THE WARMING OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS AND POSSIBLY COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN HEALTH CARE. A NEW SCIENTIFIC PAPER SAYS THAT BACTERIA DANGEROUS TO OUR HEALTH IS RAPIDLY SPREADING IN THE OCEAN AS A RESULT OF RISING WATER TEMPERATURES... THE BACTERIA CAN CAUSE FOOD POISONING, SERIOUS STOMACH ILLNESSES, INFECTIONS AND CHOLERA... THE PAPER ALSO SAYS THAT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN HEALTH COSTS MAY RESULT FROM PEOPLE EATING CONTAMINATED SEAFOOD AND INGESTING OCEAN WATER. THE PAPER IS COMPILED OF FINDINGS FROM MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PROJECTS AND WAS PRODUCED BY SEVENTEEN EUROPEAN MARINE INSTITUTES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/15/11 REPORTED... FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA HAS JOINED FORCES WITH THE OWNER OF A LEADING RESTAURANT CHAIN, TO GET AMERICANS TO EAT HEALTHIER. TODAY IN WASHINGTON, MRS. OBAMA ANNOUNCED THAT DARDEN RESTAURANTS, OWNERS OF WELL-KNOWN CHAINS INCLUDING RED LOBSTER AND OLIVE GARDEN, HAS AGREED TO REDUCE THEIR CALORIE AND SODIUM COUNTS BY 20 PERCENT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. DARDEN ALSO ANNOUNCED ITS PLANS TO GIVE HEALTHIER ITEMS A HIGHER PROFILE ON THE MENUS. THE EATERIES ARE ALSO PROMISING TO MAKE A FRUIT OR VEGETABLE SIDE DISH AND LOW-FAT MILK STANDARD WITH ALL KIDS MEALS. TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS PART OF MRS. OBAMA'S "LET'S MOVE" CAMPAIGN TO END CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... IT'S A CASE OF GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS TONIGHT ABOUT THE WATER QUALITY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY... ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT BASED ON TWO YEARS OF RESEARCH....THE BAY IS CLEANER THAN ITS BEEN IN GENERATIONS.THERE'S MORE LIFE

IN THE WETLANDS THANKS TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF SALT FLATS INTO TIDAL WETLANDS. AND MOST OF THE BAY IS SAFE TO SWIM IN. BUT THE REPORT ALSO WARNS THAT DELTA DIVERSION PROGRAMS ARE CAUSING CHRONIC DROUGHT CONDITIONS EVEN IN WET YEARS. AND THE FISH AND WILDLIFE THAT DEPENDS ON THE MIX OF SALT AND FRESH WATER COULD BE ENDANGERED IF THE ISSUE ISN'T ADDRESSED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/21/11 REPORTED... THERE'S A WEST NILE SCARE IN THE EAST BAY. OFFICIALS IN CONTRA COSTA SAY THEY'RE SEEING MORE CASES OF BIRDS BEING INFECTED BY THE POTENTIALLY DEADLY VIRUS. THE 10 NEW CASES BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 25. FOUR GROUPS OF MOSQUITOS HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED CARRYING THE VIRUS. ALL THE REPORTS OF BIRDS AND MOSQUITOS -- SERVE AS A BAROMETER. SINCE 2005 -- 23 PEOPLE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH WEST NILE VIRUS. IN 2006 -- TWO PEOPLE DIED FROM THE DISEASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/23/11 REPORTED... IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS TO BE ANXIOUS ABOUT NEEDLES OR BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS-- BUT MAYBE THEY SHOULD GIVE MORE THOUGHT TO THOSE *PRIVACY CURTAINS.* A NEW STUDY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FOUND THAT MOST OF THOSE CURTAINS CONTAIN POTENTIALLY HARMFUL BACTERIA, INCLUDING A SO-CALLED SUPER-BUG. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT 12 OUT OF 13 FRESHLY WASHED CURTAINS HUNG DURING THE STUDY WERE CONTAMINATED WITHIN A WEEK-- OFTEN WITH ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT BACTERIA. THE FINDINGS SUGGEST HEALTHCARE WORKERS SHOULD BE MORE DILLIGENT ABOUT WASHING THEIR HANDS AFTER TOUCHING THE CURTAINS-- AND THE PATIENT. ...AND THAT NEW PROTOCOLS ARE NEEDED.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/5/11 REPORTED... FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF A PROMINENT SOUTH BAY DENTIST GATHERED TODAY FOR A FUNERAL-- AFTER HE DIED IN A RARE BOATING ACCIDENT IN TAHOE. 46 YEAR OLD STEPHEN KELLER DIED AFTER FALLING OFF A MOTOR BOAT AND ONTO TO ITS RUNNING PROPELLER. DOCTOR KELLER WAS ON A BOAT WITH FOUR OF HIS FRIENDS ON LAKE TAHOE'S WEST SHORE IN LATE AUGUST, AND WAS KILLED AS HIS FRIEND WAS TRYING TO DOCK THE BOAT. KELLER FOLLOWED HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND BECAME A DENTIST, TREATING GENERATIONS OF SAN JOSE FAMILIES. ALSO, WE'RE LEARNING TODAY OF ANOTHER BOATING ACCIDENT INVOLVING A CALIFORINA MAN. HE WAS INJURED WHEN HE WAS SWIMMING IN MAUI ON SATURDAY. APPARENTLY A BOAT'S PROPELLER STRUCK HIM -- AFTER DRIFTING INTO A RESTRICTED ZONE. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH INJURIES, BUT IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/9/11 REPORTED... ONE YEAR AGO -- AT ABOUT THIS TIME -- THE CITY OF SAN BRUNO CHANGED FOREVER. IT ALSO CHANGED THE ENTIRE BAY AREA. EIGHT PEOPLE DIED AND NEARLY 40 HOMES WERE DESTROYED. SINCE THEN.. THE DEMAND TO CHANGE GAS SAFETY -- HAS BEEN PARAMOUNT. BUT TONIGHT -- IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD-- WHOSE LIVES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. PEOPLE ARE GATHERING TO REMEBER -- AND REFELCT AND RECOVER . MANY OF THESE PEOPLE -- HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE THEY WERE AT RED CROSS FACILITIES -- IN THE HOURS FOLLOWING THE BLAST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/12/11 REPORTED... THERE WERE MANY BAY AREA FAMILIES IN SHANKESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA TODAY. A TOUCHING CEREMONY WAS KEPT DELIBERATELY LOW-KEY, AS THE REMAINS OF THOSE KILLED ABOARD FLIGHT 93 -- WERE BURIED IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY. FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE 40 PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE INVITED. FIRST RESPONDERS WERE ALSO

ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN THE BURIAL. MEANWHILE IN NEW YORK TODAY, THE 9/11 MEMORIAL -- AT THE SITE OF THE FALLEN TWIN TOWERS, OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME. THERE ARE TWO FOUNTAINS-- SURROUNDED BY NAMES, CARVED IN BRONZE. THEY REPRESENT THE NEARLY THREE-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED IN THE TERROR ATTACKS. LOVED ONES BROUGHT CRAYONS AND PAPER TO TRACE AND RUB THE NAMES. BECAUSE OF ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION NEARBY, FREE, *TIMED PASSES* ARE REQUIRED TO VISIT THE MEMORIAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... THE MARINE CORPS SAYS TWO CREW MEMBERS ARE DEAD, AND A FIRE IS BURNING AT CAMP PENDLETON AFTER A HELICOPTER CRASH THIS AFTERNOON. OFFICIALS SAY THE A-H-1 COBRA WENT DOWN AT ABOUT 1 O'CLOCK, KILLING BOTH CREW MEMBERS AT THE SCENE. THE CRASH SPARKED A FIRE. IT'S BURNING ON THE BASE NEAR THE COMMUNITY OF FALLBROOK...ABOUT 45 MILES NORTH OF SAN DIEGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... A GROUP OF CLERICS SAY THEY BELIEVE THE RELEASE OF THE U-C BERKELEY HIKERS IS EMINENT. HOWEVER -- STILL NO DEAL. THE CLERICS WENT TO IRAN -- WHERE THE TWO HIKERS ARE IMPRISONED -- HOPING TO BRING THEM BACK. BUT SHANE BAUER AND JOSH FATTAL -- ARE STILL IN JAIL. THEY'VE BEEN DETAINED FOR TWO YEARS. IRAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS THE HIKERS' SENTENCES COULD BE COMMUTED AS A GESTURE OF ISLAMIC MERCY. ANOTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL SAYS THE HIKERS ARE SPIES, WHO SHOULD NOT BE REWARDED, BY BEING RELEASED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/19/11 REPORTED... NOT LONG ENOUGH...THAT'S THE WORD FROM AN APPEALS COURT ABOUT THE SENTENCING OF AN AMERICAN WHO TRAINED AT AN AL QAEDA CAMP. JOSE PADILLA HAS A LONG VIOLENT CRIMINAL HISTORY, AND A THREE JUDGE APPEALS PANEL AGREED WITH PROSECUTORS THAT HIS 17 YEAR SENTENCE WAS NOT LONG ENOUGH. THEY ORDERED A MIAMI JUDGE TO RE-CALCULATE THE SENTENCE. PROSECUTORS WANT PADILLA TO SPEND LIFE BEHIND BARS. PADILLA WAS CONVICTED OF JOINING A CONSPIRACY IN THE US TO "MURDER, KIDNAP, AND MAIM" PEOPLE OVERSEAS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/21/11 REPORTED... IF YOU SEE A STRANGE OBJECT IN THE SKY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ... DON'T WORRY ... IT'S JUST A SATELLITE THE SIZE OF A BUS FALLING BACK TO EARTH. THE NEARLY 6-TON, RESEARCH SATELLITE.. SHOULD DISINTEGRATE DURING RE-ENTRY.. BUT 26 PIECES OR SO WILL MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO EARTH.. AND SOME OF THOSE COULD BE SIGNIFICANT IN SIZE AND WEIGHT.. WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF YOU GETTING HIT? WELL ... WITH AROUND 7-BILLION OF US ON THE PLANET.. THE ODDS ARE 1 IN 21-TRILLION...IN FACT THERE'S A MUCH BETTER CHANCE YOU'LL GET STRUCK BY LIGHTNING THIS YEAR. WHEN AND WHERE IT MIGHT HIT.. WELL, NASA'S NOT SO SURE..RIGHT NOW THEIR BEST GUESS IS FRIDAY.. SOMEWHERE BETWEEN NEW FOUNDLAND AND ARGENTINA..

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 9/23/11 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA WENT AROUND CONGRESS TODAY TO PUT AN END TO THE EDUCATION LAW KNOWN AS 'NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND.' --....AND MANY EDUCATORS ARE CELEBRATING. THE LAW WAS PASSED DURING THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION - INTENDED TO IMPROVE EDUCATION. CRITICS SAY THE LAW ENCOURAGED SCHOOLS TO FOCUS ON TEST SCORES RATHER THAN ON LEARNING. STATES CAN NOW **OPT OUT** OF "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND." RECENT ESTIMATES SHOW ROUGHLY 80 PERCENT OF SCHOOLS WERE HEADED TOWARD

FAILURE. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS 44 STATES HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED HIGHER STANDARDS THAN THOSE MANDATED UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW.

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